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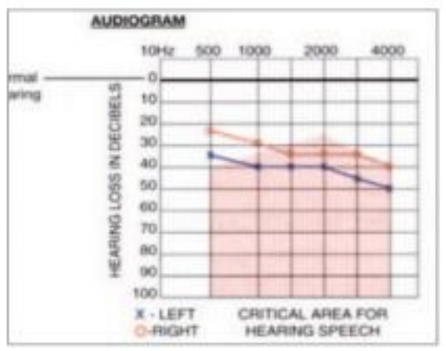

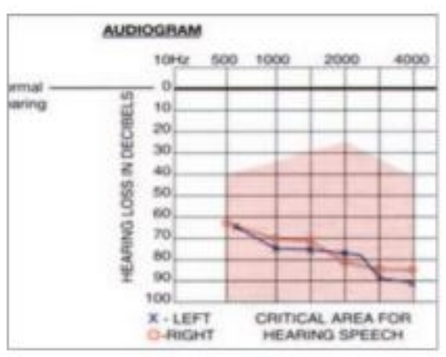

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BODY FOUND

• *Search and rescue teams investigating the site after the fatal Didcot Power Station collapse on February 23*

LAST night the wait was over for one of three families desperately hoping to be reunited with the body of their loved one.

At 5.15pm, just over six months since part of Didcot Power Station collapsed, one of the three missing bodies was discovered, police revealed.

But the body found yesterday was yet to be recovered and had not been formally identified.

Specialists from Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and South Central Ambulance Service's Hazardous Area Recovery Team arrived at the site to recover the body.

A police van delivered floodlights for the crews to continue their attempt to retrieve the body into the night.

A guard of honour was due to be held when the body was taken from the site.

The three men, Ken Cresswell, 57, and John Shaw, 61, both of Rotherham, and Chris Huxtable, 34, of Swansea, have been missing since the boilerhouse collapsed on February 23.

See page 2 for the full story.

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First body of Didcot's missing three found

By **George Welch**

THE body of one of three workers missing after a building collapsed at Didcot 'A' Power Station has been discovered, police confirmed last night.

The men working to decommission the site died when almost half the boilerhouse crashed down on February 23.

Since then, the bodies of Ken Cresswell, 57, and John Shaw, 61, both of Rotherham, and Christopher Huxtable, 34, of Swansea, have remained under a pile of rubble.

The body of Mick Collings, 53, from Yorkshire, a fourth fatality, was found the same day.

The families of the missing three have been informed and are being supported by specially trained officers. Contractors paused the removal of debris yesterday so specialists from Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue and South Central Ambulance Service's Hazardous Area Recovery Team could enter the site.

They were due to recover the body before the victim was identified.

Didcot MP Ed Vaizey tweeted: "Very sad news. But after such a long wait we are closer to bringing closure to the families."

But the six-month search for the three men has been described as a 'national scandal', partly because of the length of time it has taken.

Rotherham MP Sarah Champion, who represents two of the grieving families, tweeted yesterday: "One of the missing #Didcot men has been found but not yet identified. Pls send prayers to the Shaw, Cresswell & Huxtable families xxx."

A police spokesman said: "Our thoughts remain with the families of the missing men and we would ask that their privacy is respected during this incredibly difficult time."

A guard of honour was due to be mounted last night if the body was recovered.

• A police van arriving with search lamps last night

Mum admits murdering 20-month-old daughter

A BICESTER woman who fled to Kenya in a bid to avoid justice has been convicted of the murder of her 20-month-old child.

Angela Whitworth, 44, formerly of Herald Way, pleaded guilty to one count of murder at a hearing at the Old Bailey in London on Friday.

Her daughter Sarah Dahane was found dead at Whitworth's house on May 16, 2013. Officers attended the property after a report was received concerned about Sarah's welfare from a member of her family.

Sarah was in the care of Whitworth at the time of her death.

Whitworth fled from the UK by flying from Heathrow to Kenya the day before Sarah was found.

Following an international appeal for information about Whitworth's whereabouts, officers travelled to Uganda where they detained her on March 9.

Whitworth was deported from Uganda and appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court charged with the offence on March 24.

Senior investigating officer Detective Superintendent Ian Hunter said: "Whitworth flew to Kenya immediately after the murder in a bid to evade justice.

"From the time that Sarah's body was discovered on May 16, 2013, we have continued to work tirelessly to ensure the person responsible for her death was able to face justice in the UK courts.

"This has been a protracted, complex and challenging investigation from the outset."

He added: "I am pleased for Sarah's father Nabil, and those who knew and loved Sarah, that Whitworth has finally, after more than three years, taken responsibility for her actions."

The death of Sarah in her mother's care was "neither preventable nor predictable", a report concluded in 2014.

In February, Sarah's father Nabil Dahane spoke of his heartache, saying: "Sarah was so loved and loving. She loved everyone and everyone loved her back. She means the world to me. I'm still struggling to come to terms with it all. Perhaps seeing justice done for my daughter might help my pain."

Thames Valley Police worked closely with the National Crime Agency and Kenyan Police Service and offered £10,000 to anyone who provided information leading to an arrest or conviction in the case.

A post-mortem was unable to give a cause of Sarah's death, but noted there were no signs of sudden infant death, which is also known as 'cot death'.

• Angela Whitworth

• Sarah with her dad Nabil

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CCTV appeal

OXFORD: A CCTV image, above, has been released by police after a man was caught filming a woman in a shop changing room.

The woman in her 20s was in the changing room in the River Island store in Cornmarket Street when she noticed the man filming her between 1.30pm and 1.45pm on August 13.

Rape charge

OXFORD: A 17-year-old boy has appeared in court charged with attempted rape after a woman was assaulted near Hinksey Park in Oxford.

The teenager from Oxford was arrested on Saturday in connection to the incident in Lake Street at around 8am on Thursday.

He appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Monday and Reading Magistrates' Court yesterday.

The charge is in connection to an assault on a woman in her twenties.

Machine blaze

OXFORD: Three fire engines were sent to deal with a washing machine fire at an Oxford home over the weekend.

At 3.45pm on Saturday, a fire crew from Slade Park and two from Rewley Road were called to the blaze at the house in Falcon Close.

They were faced with a large volume of smoke coming from three windows on the first floor of the terraced house. The fire was extinguished using water jets and no-one was injured.

Conspiracy claim on triple murder slated

By **George Welch**

POLICE and councillors have dismissed the conclusions of a conspiracy theorist who claims a triple murder in Didcot last year was carried out by an organised drug gang.

Jed Allen, 21, killed his mum Janet Jordon, 48, her partner Philip Howard, 44, and their six-year-old daughter Derin Jordon at their home in Vicarage Road, Didcot, on May 23 last year.

He then took a train to Oxford where he hanged himself in a field near Marston Ferry Road the same day after texting friends.

The apprentice gardener's message read: "I haven't got much time. They know. I am nothing more than worthless. I have done what I have to do."

Last Thursday, Richard Hall, the man behind the footage who refers to himself as an 'independent investigator', created a 94-minute video, in which he puts forward a number of conspiracy theories about the murders.

He has published similar films about other police investigations. His film entitled 'Didcot Deception, Jed Allen: Not guilty' has had more than 4,600 views in a week.

In the documentary published to YouTube, Mr Hall, as well as claiming the murders might have been carried out by the drug gang, claims the police might have covered up information.

• The three murder victims, from left, Janet Jordon, Philip Howard and Derin Jordon, six - and Jed Allen, far right, with the video's title, top right

In an email seen by the Guardian, a police comment said: "The video is nonsense and upsetting to the family who we have informed and are in agreement with our views.

"Further, the coroner was entirely satisfied with the investigation."

Mayor of Didcot Steve Connel said: "I think it is in incredibly poor taste. I don't think it should be given the time. I don't even think it should even be talked about. I heard about it, I haven't watched it and I refuse to."

Fellow councillor Margaret Davies said: "I think it's an appalling act of fiction.

"It upsets everybody that knew Jed – as I did – and it is distressing to his family."

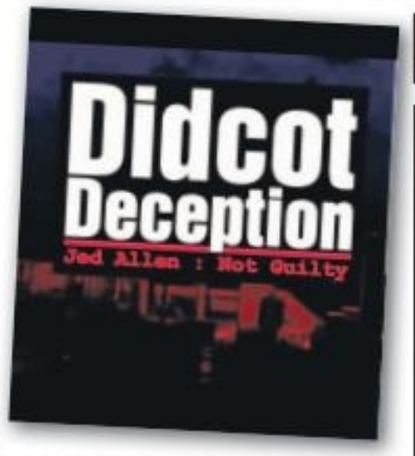
A note was found on the kitchen counter of the family home Allen shared with the three victims in Vicarage Road.

It read: "I know the truth, I do not want it for me or my family. This is the end."

Mr Hall justified his video, saying: "As soon as the first story appeared in the media about the case, I knew something was not right with the way the tragedy was being reported.

"There were no witnesses, nor was there a motive for any of the four deaths.

"Despite this, it did not take long before the media and the police were blaming one of the dead for the murder of the other three.



"After studying the case and after attending the official inquest, my suspicion was greatly increased due to the wholly unsubstantial and unconvincing evidence that was presented."

Mr Hall claimed to have received a death threat when he visited Didcot for a fourth time to search for witnesses as part of his inquiry.

But some messages left on the YouTube video have been dismissive of Mr Hall's findings.

One comment read "save yourself 2 hours. He was found guilty at the inquest", while another person said: "I am politely telling you to let this go. This has nothing to do you."

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Kitchen blaze

CROWMARSH GIFFORD: An elderly couple in Crowmarsh Gifford returned home to find their home ablaze after leaving a gas hob on unattended.

Fire crews attended the property in Newnham Drive at 1pm on Saturday while the couple were out, after smoke was seen coming from the windows.

The firefighters located the blaze in the kitchen, quickly bringing it under control, but due to the smoke damage Incident Commander Jon Walker confirmed the home would be uninhabitable for some time.

Grants on offer

S OXON: Community groups are being encouraged to apply for a share of £1.6 million in grants from South Oxfordshire district council.

Non-profit organisations can apply for up to £100,000 to go towards salary costs, rent, marketing and publicity.

Contact the grants team on 01235 422405 or email grants@southandvale.gov.uk by Thursday, September 15.

Plan backed

LONGWORTH: Longworth villagers have voted in favour of adopting their Neighbourhood Plan.

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Oxford's march for Europe

CAMPAIGNERS in Oxford who oppose Britain's vote to leave the European Union in June are to march ahead of Parliament's discussions about Brexit.

At 11am on Saturday, hundreds of people are expected to march from Bonn Square to Broad Street to let Oxfordshire's MPs know how Oxford feels.

The Oxford march, organised by Stand Together: Oxford (formally known as Oxford Stays), is to take place at the same time as events in London, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Edinburgh and other cities across the country.

On Monday, Parliament is due to reconvene and debate Britain's Brexit deal and the potential of a second referendum.

By **George Welch**

The march hopes to inform Oxfordshire's six MPs – Andrew Smith, Nicola Blackwood, Ed Vaizey, David Cameron, Victoria Prentis and John Howell – what the people of Oxford want them to say in Parliament on their behalf.

Oxford voted over 70 per cent to remain and Oxfordshire was the only English county to vote in favour of Remain.

A statement from Stand Together: Oxford on their Facebook page said: "Our residents are worried about the impact of Brexit on the local economy, community wellbeing and our children's future.

"The universities, science and technology companies, BMW Mini plant, English language schools, the hospitals...the list goes on of local employers that rely on and benefit from European unity.

"Not to mention our European family, friends, colleagues who now feel different in our city - let's stand together in a show of unity."

There will be cross-party representation at the march, including the Green Party, Labour, conservatives and the Liberal Democrats.

The group, led by Marston mum Tessa Clayton, also initiated pro-EU marches on June 28 and July 23, a month on from the vote.

Dr Hazel Dawe, chair of Oxfordshire Green Party's European Campaign Committee, said: "Our MPs need to be confident that good, lasting agreements to secure the interests of the UK are within our grasp before committing to a two-year timetable to withdraw from the EU."

The march comes as the group which campaigned for the UK to stay in Europe has relaunched as a lobby group.

With 'Britain Stronger in Europe' being reborn this week as 'Open Britain', the new pro-EU lobby group has inherited about 500,000 supporters from the Remain campaign.

• Protesters at an earlier event in June

Second member of city drug gang is sentenced

A SECOND member of an Oxford drugs gang arrested as part of a major police operation last year has been jailed for more than four years.

James Screeton, 28, of Willes Close, Faringdon, was sentenced to 48 months and four weeks for two counts of conspiracy to deal methylmethcathinone and ketamine, after pleading guilty at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday.

He was arrested as part of a gang of men, including three from Oxfordshire, suspected of dealing drugs around Oxford.

Two weeks earlier, fellow gang member Vishal Nazar, 37, of Danvers Road, Oxford, was sentenced to five years in jail for the same offences.

Screeton was scheduled to be sentenced on the same day, but had his case adjourned after a television link from HMP Bullingdon failed to work.

Their accomplice Ciaran Macdonough, 38, of Margaret Road, Twyford, was given a 16-month suspended sentence for transporting drugs.

In court, Screeton was proven to have had dealings with the courier, who was stopped by police with 3kg of a drug known as 'meow meow'.

• James Screeton

It led to the arrest of the three gang members, following dawn raids on 11 homes in the Thames Valley area involving more than 100 officers and the seizure of over 27kg of the drug – the largest amount of the drug recovered at the time.

The alleged gang leader, Sohail Dawood, 33, formerly of Chipping Norton, is believed to have fled to Pakistan or Dubai and is still on the run.

Thames Valley Police is working with the Crown Prosecution Service and the National Crime Agency to find Dawood.

He is described as being Asian, of large build and about 5'11" in height.

Officers are urging anyone with information to call 101.

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Collection delay

W OXON: Bin collections in West Oxfordshire were delayed last week after 'experiencing issues' which had a 'knock-on effects' on other collections, the district council said.

West Oxfordshire District Council bin crews were back out on Friday to collect garden waste and recycling that was not picked up the day before.

A council statement read: "We apologise for any delays and thank you for your patience."

Classic cars

WOODSTOCK: More than 28 rare, classic and highly-collectable cars will be present at a three-day automotive garden party at Blenheim Palace.

This year's luxury car show, Salon Prive, which started today and runs until Saturday was preceded by a road trip as the classic car enthusiasts drove to Woodstock.

Labour meeting

OXFORD: Oxford & District Trades Union Council hosted a public meeting in Oxford in support of Jeremy Corbyn's re-election as leader of the Labour Party.

Speakers at Thursday's meeting at Wesley Memorial Church in New Inn Hall Street included both local and national trade union speakers.

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Toddler dies after latest A34 collision

By **Dominic Thomas**

A THREE-YEAR-OLD girl has died after a pile-up on the A34 near Oxford.

The toddler died on Saturday at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Headington two days after the eight-vehicle collision by the Hinksey Hill junction of the A34.

A 58-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving on Thursday night and has been bailed until October 2.

A 31-year-old woman also taken to John Radcliffe after the crash is still in hospital being treated for serious injuries.

Seven cars and one lorry collided at about 7.30pm last Thursday shutting the northbound carriageway during the evening for emergency services.

Investigating officer Sergeant Beth Walton, of Thames Valley Police's roads policing serious collision investigation unit, said: "This was a very serious incident in which a young child has tragically died, and so we are continuing to appeal for anyone who may have witnessed the incident to come forward and get in touch."

The crash was two weeks and one day after three children and a mum died in an eight-vehicle pile-up on the A34 about 15 miles south, near East Ilsley.

Tracy Houghton, 45, her two sons Ethan, 13, and Josh, 11, and her partner's 11-year-old daughter Amy Goldsmith were all killed in the collision between four cars and four lorries on August 10.

A 30-year-old man from Andover was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving and has been bailed until October 5.

An A34 action group launched four days after the East Ilsley crash held its first meeting in West Ilsley village hall on August 17, a week before the next fatal collision.

Founder of the A34 Action Group, Alisdair Cunningham, said: "It is difficult to establish in cases like this as to how much driver behavior is a factor.

"But with the volume of traffic that we have on the A34 you inevitably end up with the potential for significant accidents like this one.

"Following the spate of recent accidents, it feels to local people like the road is becoming unsafe, whatever is causing this, something is changing and we want to find out what it is that is causing these serious accidents."

The group is calling for a full safety review of the road to investigate the rise in serious collisions.

MPs including Oxford West and Abingdon MP Nicola Blackwood and Wantage MP Ed Vaizey also backed a call for the Highways Agency to launch an investigation following the East Ilsley crash.

• *The fatal crash was two weeks after another collision killed four people*

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Hacking warning

OXFORD: An Oxford scientist has warned humans could be at risk from 'brain jacking' in the future, where computer hackers can control people's thoughts and feelings by remote control.

Electronic brain implants are used to treat diseases like Parkinson's.

Laurie Pycroft, who is studying functional neurosurgery at Oxford University, warned these have the potential to be hacked wirelessly.

Wheelchair dance

W OXON: Wheelchair users can attend special dance sessions to be hosted in West Oxfordshire.

Ballroom and Latin classes for disabled people will be led by instructor Elizabeth-Rae Large.

Her newly-formed group, the West Oxfordshire Wheelchair Dance group, is the first of its kind in Oxfordshire.

There is a free one hour long taster session at Windrush Leisure Centre in Witney on Wednesday, September 7, at 2pm, followed by six weeks of hourly classes on Wednesday afternoons for £30.

Heritage days

OXON: Venues across Oxfordshire are hosting Heritage Open Days to celebrate the county's rich history.

Free events are being held as part of the annual national drive from Thursday, September 8, until Sunday, September 11.

Go to heritageopendays.org.uk

Masterchef star challenges pubs to a charity mission

MASTERCHEF presenter Gregg Wallace is urging pubs across the county to sign up to a new kind of charity fundraiser after figures revealed more than 500 men in Oxfordshire are living with prostate cancer.

The statistics published by Public Health England also show 111 men in Oxfordshire died from the disease last year. According to other research, more than 3,000 men are living with or after prostate cancer in Oxfordshire.

The charity has teamed up with Mr Wallace to call on pubs to host pop-up pub fundraisers this month as part of a national campaign.

The top five fundraising pubs in the UK will be shortlisted to become Prostate Cancer UK's favourite local, based on the amount raised, most innovative idea, customer involvement and community links.

Mr Wallace said: "I've nominated my favourite local to host a fundraising event and even offered to bring the sausage rolls!"

According to the charity, one man an hour dies from prostate cancer in the UK and based on current trends, if nothing is done the number will rise to over 14,500 men a year by 2026.

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• *Marsterchef presenter Gregg Wallace is urging pubs to sign up*

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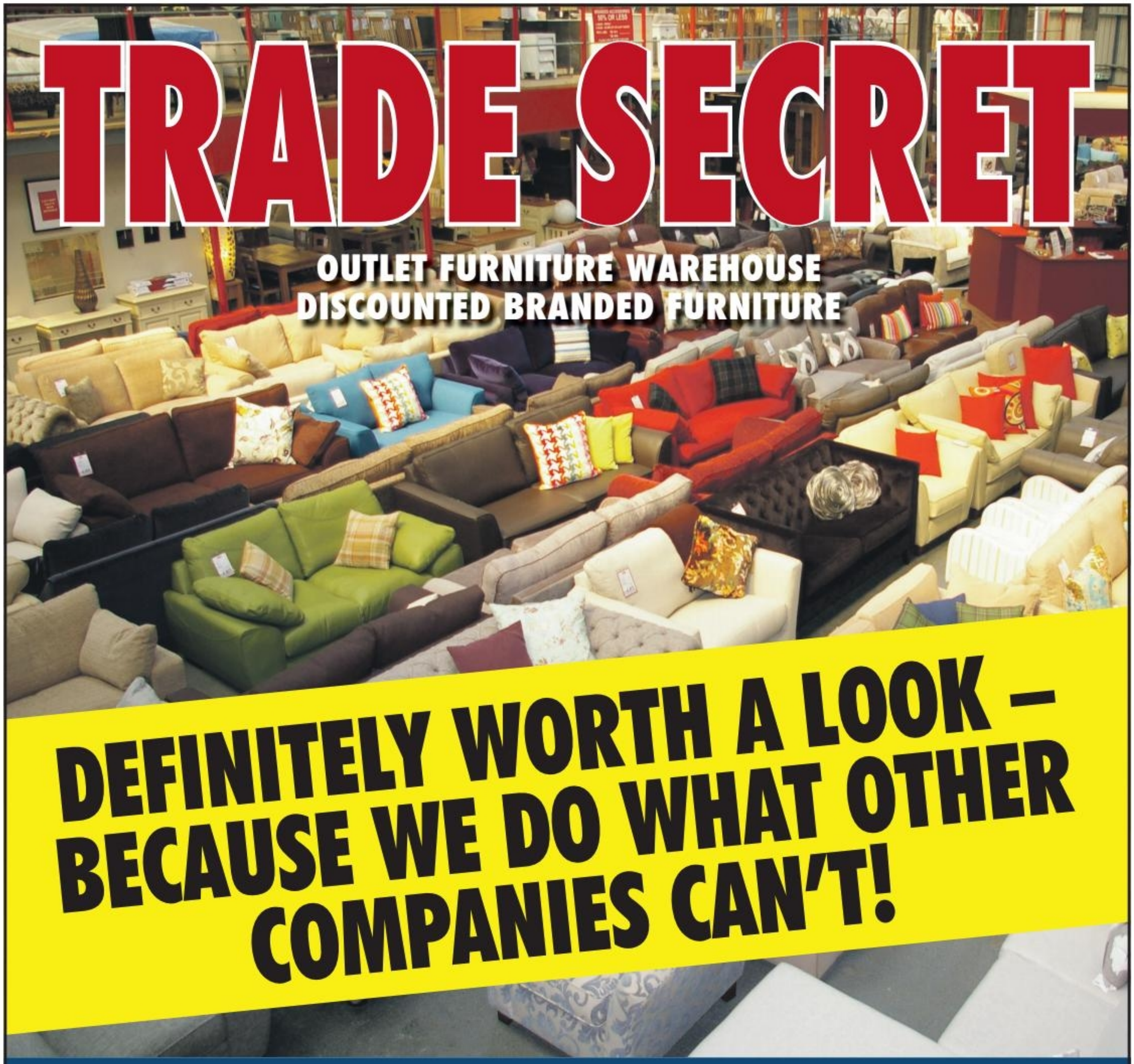

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Man died after his car caught fire in accident, inquest told

A MAN who died when his car caught fire in a Cowley accident died from soot inhalation, the opening of an Oxford inquest heard.

Christi-Marian Bichir, 34, died on Monday, July 25, when his blue Volvo S60 burst into flames after crashing into a road sign in a hedge in Garsington Road near Oxford Business Park South.

Fire crews were called to the scene in the early hours to extinguish the blaze, before police and ambulance crews pronounced Mr Bichir dead at the scene.

His car was said to have left the road, gone over the roundabout and collided with the sign at about 2.40am. Roads around the scene of the crash were closed until about 7am.

Mr Bichir was identified by the coroner as a Romanian man who had worked at a car wash in Cowley and was living in Ridgefield Road at the time of his death.

He had only moved to the UK from Romania four months before his death.

At the opening of his inquest on Thursday at Oxford Coroner's Court in New Road, coroner Darren Salter gave a preliminary cause of Mr Bichir's death as soot inhalation.

'Media attention' forces under-fire chief to quit

By **George Welch**

THE chief executive of the heavily criticised Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust has quit over "media attention", it was announced this week.

There have been calls for Katrina Percy to resign after the trust had been repeatedly blamed for failing to protect vulnerable patients and to fully investigate unexplained deaths.

A report last year found the trust had failed to properly investigate the deaths of more than 1,000 patients in its care.

And, in June, the trust accepted responsibility for the death of Connor Sparrowhawk, who drowned in a bath at Slade House in Oxford.

An NHS England investigation found only 272 of the 722 deaths in the trust over the previous four years were dealt with properly – the Oxford case of 18-year-old Mr Sparrowhawk was not one of them. It admitted it "caused" the death of the young man, who suffered an epileptic seizure before he died in July 2013, and offered his family £80,000 compensation.

Families of the patients who had died at the hands of the trust had called for Ms Percy to be sacked, but following a review of the failings in July the trust allowed her to stay.

Ms Percy issued an apology, but criticised the NHS-commissioned report and refused to resign. But, on Tuesday, she said: "I have been humbled by the overwhelming support from staff and other colleagues.

"Since then I have reflected on the effect the ongoing personal media attention has had on staff and patients and have come to the conclusion that this has made my role untenable.

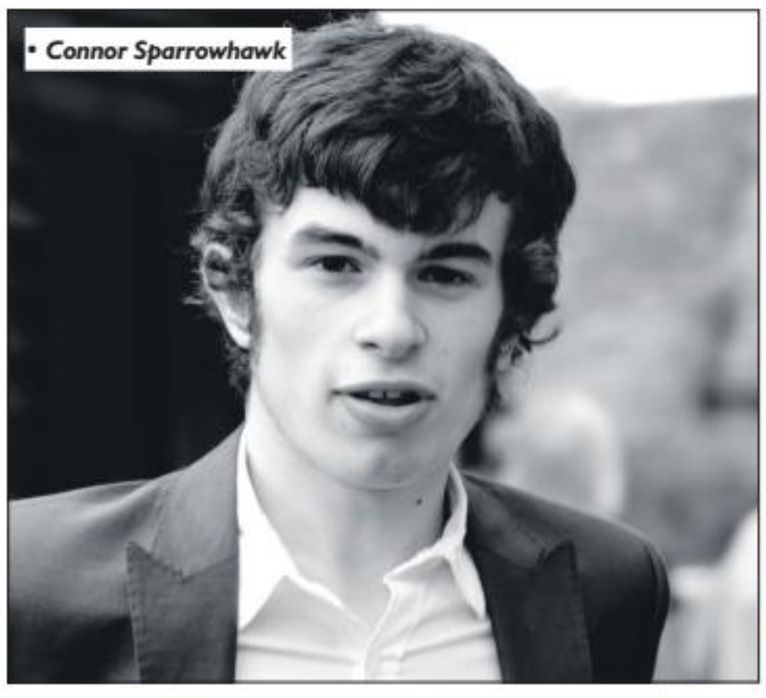
"I have therefore come to the difficult decision to step down from my role as chief executive after nine years."

Ms Percy will stay with the trust in a new role to help GP leaders provide strategic advice on improving health services.

She added: "I know, and understand, that many will say I should have stepped down sooner given the very public concerns which have been raised in the past months.

"I stayed on as I firmly believed it was my responsibility to oversee the necessary improvements."

Julie Dawes, who joined the trust in May as director of nursing and quality, will step up as an interim chief executive.



• Connor Sparrowhawk

• Katrina Percy (picture from Southern Health)

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Ex-PM tops poll

WITNEY: Former Prime Minister David Cameron has been voted the 'most impressive' parliamentarian, according to a recent study.

The Witney MP amassed 26 per cent of fellow MPs' vote in a poll conducted by Ipsos Mori.

The Oxfordshire-educated PM Theresa May came a close second on 25 per cent.

Barking bake-off

FARINGDON: National dog rescue charity Forever Hounds Trust have launched The Great Barking Bake Off competition to judge two competitions – one for human cakes and one for hounds.

The event will be held at Buscot Park on Sunday, September 18 and will start at 11.30am as part of Forever Hounds Trust's 20th Birthday Afternoon Tea Party.

Held in memory

WITNEY: Windrush Leisure Centre is to host an annual award in memory of a leisure worker who was murdered.

Terry Gregory, who worked as a recreation assistant in London, was killed in December 2004.

This year's lifeguard competition will take place at the Windrush Leisure Centre on Saturday, September 10.

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Ram raid attempt

W OXON: A second West Oxfordshire village Co-op has been targeted by ram-raiders in a failed burglary.

At least two offenders in a stolen Land Rover Defender tried to break into a cash machine at the store in Main Road, Long Hanborough, at about 3am last Thursday.

They stole two drinks from the shop after failing to ramsack the machine with tools.

The Land Rover was stolen from Isis Close, Long Hanborough that night. The offenders torched the car and fled in two other vehicles.

The incident was five days after masked men tried to tear a cash machine away from a Co-op store in Milton-under-Wychwood. Police are not linking the two incidents.

Housing scheme

W OXON: A new online system is being introduced so anyone on West Oxfordshire's housing register can apply for empty Housing Association properties themselves.

The scheme, Homeseeker Plus, will list vacant houses across the district for rent online. Prospective and existing tenants will be banded according to their needs and can then 'bid' for them.

It replaced the points-based Housing Waiting List this month.

Betjeman bust unveiled

A SCULPTURE commemorating Wantage's famous former resident John Betjeman has been unveiled in the town centre by his granddaughter.

The bust of the poet laureate, writer and broadcaster was unveiled outside Vale and Downland museum on Sunday in front of a crowd of more than 100 people.

Betjeman's granddaughter Endellion Lycett Green, an artist, did the honours uncovering the artwork for residents to see for the first time.

The piece was created by Martin Jennings, who also sculpted the renowned statue of Betjeman standing prominently in St Pancras Station, London.

Bevis Hillier, the official biographer of Betjeman and President of the national Betjeman Society visited Wantage for the official unveiling.

By **George Welch**

He said: "The Pygmalion legend is of a statue of coming to life. I now have the opposite experience, no less fascinating, of knowing a real person, John Betjeman, and seeing him turned into an utterly lifelike statue."

He compared the artwork to the statue standing at St Pancras: "The bust at Wantage is a wonderful spin off by the same great sculptor."

Betjeman lived in Wantage between 1951 and 1972.

The bust has been four years in the planning after the Betjeman Society and Wantage Town Council agreed the town's illustrious former resident should be celebrated.

The bust sits in the forecourt of Wantage's museum looking towards to Wantage Parish Church because in 1956 Betjeman played a key role raising money to restore the church roof.

He later penned a parody of an Anglican hymn 'the churches one foundation', named 'The Churches Restoration' in which the final line read: "And look up and he has restored the roof."

Wantage Betjeman Society member Pat Mattimore said: "What we like of John Betjeman is that he was of our time, whereas a lot of other previous poet laureate's, of course we only have their written work.

"We haven't got any films, we haven't got any of them actually reading their work, and when you hear John Betjeman reading his work you can see exactly what he means."

Betjeman was poet laureate from 1972 until his death in 1984.

The Betjeman Society was founded two years lated, and the Wantage branch was established 1994, a decade after his death.

An exhibition about Betjeman launched at the Vale and Downland Museum to coincide with the unveiling to September 10.

• *Endellion Lycett Green and sculptor Martin Jennings (photo by Bernard Mattimore)*

Brewery launches make-your-own beer

AN OXFORDSHIRE brewery's new venture gives punters a chance to make their own beer and learn about the process.

The make-your-own beer project by White Horse Brewery near Faringdon means people can to spend the day learning about the craft of brewing.

These 'Mashtronauts' can then put their new knowledge into practice and pick the kind of beer they want to create to suit their taste buds.

Former chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Beer Group, Andrew Griffiths MP, launched the new enterprise at the brewery in Stanford in the Vale on Wednesday last week.

He said: "This project allows those of us who love beer and pubs to fully understand how life is breathed into new beers. It's a great experience."

•*Andrew Griffiths MP brewing his own beer*

White Horse Brewery also operates the Royal Blenheim pub in Oxford.

The 'Mashtronauts' will then have their name inscribed on a brand new honours board in the pub.

White Horse Brewery's managing director Andy Wilson, said: "We're proud of our new venture and excited to see what our Mashtronauts create with us."

The project, called Luna Brews, is a joint new scheme between White Horse Brewery and the Titanic Brewery in Stoke.

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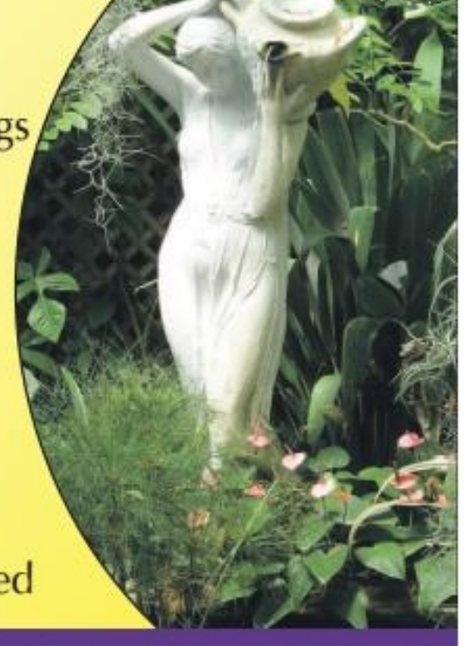

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GCSE results delight

By **George Welch**

DESPITE a dip in national GCSE results to the lowest level since 2008, teenagers at Oxfordshire schools celebrated exam success last week.

Nationally, A* to C grades fell from 69 per cent to 66.9 per cent, and the number of the highest A* grades dropped from 6.6 per cent to 6.5 per cent.

But it was a record-breaking year of results for Didcot Girls' School (DGS), where the number of pupils achieving A* to A grades reached an all-time high of 28 per cent. Almost a quarter, 24 per cent, achieved five or more A* to A grades.

DGS pupil Antonia Marsh achieved her grades (1A*, 5As and 1B) despite only taking a year to do them.

The 16-year-old, who said she 'could not believe' her results, will now be taking her A-levels in the town's sixth form.

Viktoriya Ball, who spoke very little English when she arrived from Eastern Europe a few years ago, led the way with nine A* and four Bs.

Other high achievers included Rose Kent (9A* and 2As), Yana Yarmolich (9A* and 3As) and Michaela Murphy (9A* and 3As).

Michaela intends to stay in Didcot for her sixth-form studies in maths, physics, chemistry and RE. She and her friends Chloe Tucker (7A* and 5A) and Ruth Hall (3A*, 7As and 1B) said they were 'delighted' with their results.

It was another successful day at Abingdon's John Mason School, where pass rates rose to 98.3 per cent, and pupil Tom Hehir celebrated 11A* and 1A.

Didcot's boys school, St Birinus School, achieved the school's best set of results to date, with 67 per cent of pupils achieving five A* to C grades including English and maths.

Meanwhile, three pupils at King Alfred's Academy, Wantage, combined sporting achievement with academic success.

National youth swimmer Emily Nisbet achieved 10 A*/A grades alongside her busy training schedule, while county cricketer Luke Cheshire gained all A* to B grades, despite completing his GCSE programme in one year alongside Glamorgan and Oxfordshire cricket training.

Nathan Baker has also joined the Oxford United Football Club apprenticeship scheme, having secured A* to C grades.

John Gargan, vice principal of the Oxford Academy, where 70 per cent of pupils achieved A* - C in English, and 63 per cent in maths, said: "We've got really pleasing results."

He added: "94 per cent of kids did better than expected despite having lower Key Stage 2 results than last year's."

Although many Oxfordshire schools have performed well, there has been a national decline in the pass rate now students who fail English and maths have to re-sit the exams.

This meant there was an increase in entries of approximately 25 per cent over the last year. But it is still unknow how Oxfordshire's results fare as a change in the submission processes has caused a delay.

An Oxfordshire County Council statement said: "It is not possible at this stage to provide a meaningful overview of how the county has fared as a whole, or to compare performance with previous years."

• Pupils checking their results and celebrating at Didcot Girls' School

• (Above) Didcot Girls' School saw a record-breaking year while (left) Abingdon pupil Tom Hehir, of John Mason School, achieved 11A* and 1A

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Widow's charity to help victims of brain tumour

By **Samantha McGregor**

FRIENDS and family of a Bicester DJ are raising money in his memory to help others affected by a brain tumour.

Michael Barry, 35, was diagnosed with a brain tumour after suffering a seizure. He underwent several treatments, but in January was told he had weeks to live and died at home in Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

Michael, who was born and grew up in Bicester, was a DJ and promoter and ran a popular club night Abort, Retry, Fail? in Oxford from 2006 to 2008. The city was where he met wife Lucy, now 29, an undergraduate at Oxford University.

Lucy said: "The bravery and courage Michael showed throughout his illness was truly inspirational, and I am so proud of my incredible husband. Michael faced each new treatment with a spring in his step, refusing to let his illness define him or to believe any reality other than that he would get better and live out our dreams together.

"To watch Michael face each day with such positivity and strength of character, and then be told there was nothing more we could do to save him, was simply devastating."

Lucy, who has set up The Michael Barry Fund to help The Brain Tumour Charity, said: "Since losing Michael, I began to read more about brain tumours and survival statistics and I was horrified to see how underfunded research into brain tumours is, and how little progress has been made in improving prognosis."

So far, the group has raised more than £5,000. A daytime disco, We Are Your Friends #1, featuring a host of DJ sets is being held at The Bullingdon, Cowley Road, Oxford, on September 4 from 2-7pm.

A second event, The Emma Bridgewater Open Gardens Day, in Bampton, will take place on September 18 from 2.30-5.30pm.

Geraldine Pipping, of The Brain Tumour Charity, said: "We receive no Government funding and rely 100 per cent on voluntary donations, so it's only through the efforts of Lucy and others like her that we can work towards our twin goals of doubling survival and halving the harm caused by brain tumours."

For tickets, view wegottickets.com/event/369149

• *Lucy Barry is raising money in memory of her husband Michael Barry along with friends and family*

Gearing up for food fun

ORGANISERS are gearing up for this year's Thame Food Festival later this month.

Last year's winner of the TV show The Great British Bake Off winner Nadiya Hussain, below, will be headlining the show, which takes place on September 24.

She will demonstrate her culinary skills on the Baking Stage and sign copies of her new book.

Festival patron Lotte Duncan will be interviewing Nadiya and other Bake-Off colleagues live on stage and is urging people to get in touch with their baking questions.

She said: "Do you have any questions for our baking stars?

"Does your tart have the proverbial soggy bottom?

"Does your cake sag in the middle?

"And do your meringues have a mind of their own?

"Well, send in your question now and you could be one of the lucky ones to have it answered."

Also signed up for the food festival is Howard Middleton, who returns for a second year and will demonstrate gluten-free baking.

Three former Bake Off contestants Miranda Gore Browne, who now runs a cookery school, Luis Troyano and Chetna Makan will also take to the stage to show off their cooking skills.

Thame Food Festival was launched in 2008 to promote and celebrate all things food in and around the town.

For more information, view thamefoodfestival.co.uk or to email questions to Lotte at: bake@thamefoodfestival.co.uk

News Bites

Maintenance work

N OXON: Car parks in Bicester, Banbury and Kidlington will undergo maintenance work over the next two months.

From this week, they will be resurfaced and relined.

Cherwell District Council, which owns 23 car parks in the district, said it would advertise any closures in advance.

Applications open

THAME: Applications have opened for anyone interested in running a stall at the town's Christmas lights switch-on event.

Taking place on Friday, December 2, traders, charities and groups can view the council's website to find out more information, email info@thametowncouncil.gov.uk or drop into the information centre at the Town Hall.

Walking football

BICESTER: Over-50s who still fancy a game of soccer are being urged to join a new version of the game – walking football.

Organised by Cherwell District Council and Bicester Walking Football Club, sessions will take place every Thursday, at the all-weather AstroTurf surface at Bicester Leisure Centre, from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

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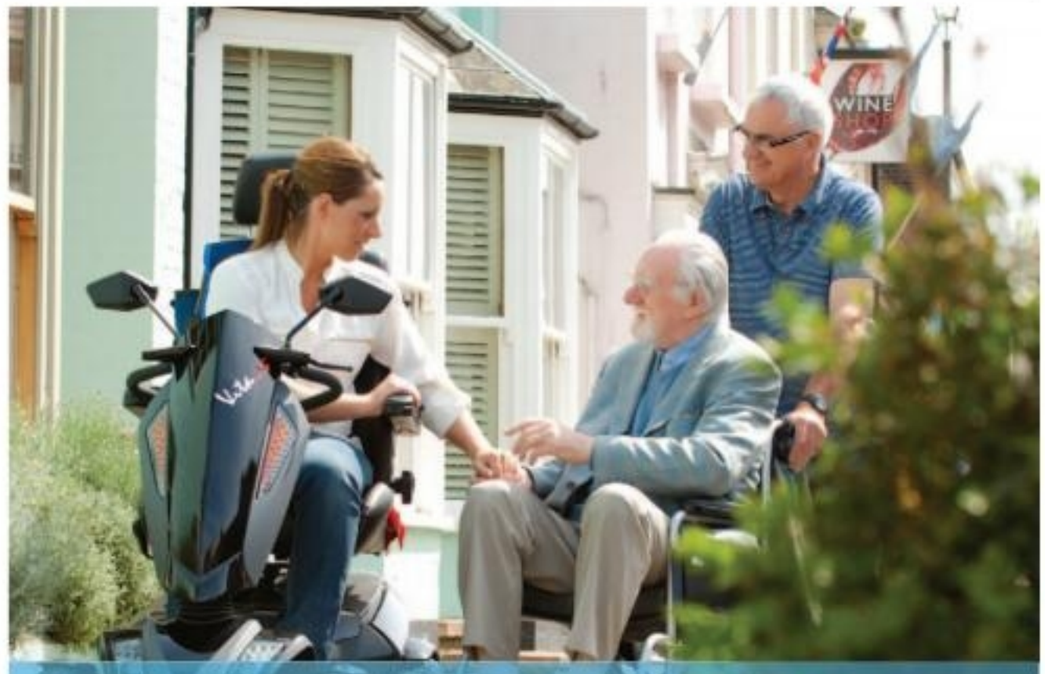

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Funeral to be held for abandoned baby girl

AN unknown baby girl abandoned in a ditch next to an Oxford cycle path is going to be given a proper funeral, police have announced, after an inquest ruled she was stillborn.

The baby will be laid to rest within the next few weeks, while officers continue to appeal for the mum to come forward.

She was found by a member of the public on a path between University Parks and Edgeway Road, off Marston Road, on February 29.

The identity of the baby and its mother remains unknown, despite exhaustive police searches and appeals.

Police say they will be arranging the baby's funeral in the coming weeks.

An inquest last Thursday into the death of the baby, which was said to be found in a black bag with its umbilical chord still attached, concluded yesterday that the cause of death was unascertained.

Oxfordshire coroner Darren Salter said the purpose of the inquest was to establish whether the baby had lived independently from its mother.

Post-mortems from two separate pathologists, one specialising in paediatric death confirmed the evidence indicated that it was a stillbirth.

A report from pathologist Dr Nicholas Hunt, read out at the inquest, said: "The deceased was a normal developing baby girl, weighing eight pounds, normal for a 40-week term baby.

"There was no definitive evidence of any aeration of the lungs or any milk curds found in the stomach to suggest a post-birth feed.

"Therefore, there is no positive medical evidence to prove she had achieved a separate and independent existence and therefore was stillborn."

Detective Sergeant Kevin Parsons, who investigated the case, spoke at Oxford Coroner's Court, saying: "We have exhausted all lines of inquiry in relation to identifying the baby's mother."

He said that ancestral DNA testing carried out by the police had indicated that the baby was likely to have been of South East Asian ethnicity, possibly Filipino or Indonesian, but clarified that the test's margin for error was about 10 per cent.

"We also conducted inquiries into those communities, and spoke to leaders of the communities, but these produced nothing," said Det Sgt Parsons.

He also said they had carried out extensive house-to-house inquiries, CCTV searches from all possible places in the surrounding area, and a media campaign, but still failed to discover anything which could identify the mother or baby.

Det Sgt Parsons confirmed that the funeral for the baby would take place imminently, but that a date had not yet been set.

By **Dominic Thomas**

• The Marston Footpath

News Bite

Pub shortlisted

COWLEY: The Cowley Retreat has been shortlisted as a finalist for the Great British Pub Awards out of more than 1,300 entrants.

It is one of five pubs in the Best Student Pub category, with the winner being announced on October 5.

Manager Evie Snook said: "Students are at the heart of everything we do but one of our main strategies was to ensure students and local residents feel equally welcome."

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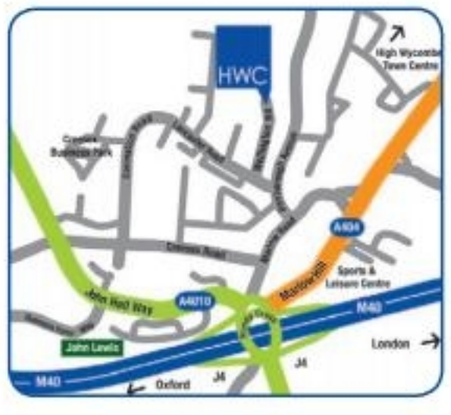

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Hockey tasters

THOSE wishing to emulate their hockey heroes can take part in taster sessions across Oxfordshire this weekend.

HockeyFest launches this weekend two weeks after Team GB's historic gold medal success in the Rio Olympics.

A session in Bicester led by Team GB Olympic gold medallist Crista Cullen will be held on top of those in Abingdon, Wallingford, Thame, and Banbury.

The three week programme organised by Great Britain Hockey will include playing, fundraising activities and clubhouse socials.

Olympic gold medallist and Team GB goalkeeper Maddie Hinch said: "It's a great sport to watch, as a group we always talk about inspiring people to get involved with the sport and these events are perfect to get the nation playing."

Go to oxfordshireguardian.co.uk for dates, times and locations or see great-britainhockey.co.uk.

News Bites

Firefighters quash company blaze

EYNSHAM: More than 50 firefighters battled a large fire at an industrial estate in Eynsham last week.

Nine fire crews were called to Oxford Monitoring Services in Oakfield Industrial Estate at 5.24pm on Wednesday.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service said they faced extremely hot and arduous conditions as they extinguished the fire and worked to stop it from spreading to neighbouring businesses.

Specialist officers are working to discover the cause of the fire.

Birdsong 'most relaxing' noise

OXFORD: The tweeting of birds has been revealed as the most comforting sound to people in Oxford.

The research carried out by hearing loss company Amplifon revealed 59 per cent of people found it most comforting sound. Background TV came second with 50 per cent.

They also surveyed accents and revealed the southern Irish are though to have the most attractive, and Essex the most annoying (41 per cent) – even more than nails on a chalkboard (28 per cent).

£2m boost for heart research in Oxford

OXFORD scientists specialising in heart disease research are to receive a welcomed financial boost of £2 million from the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

The money will help researchers at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Headington to develop new medicines for heart disease.

By **George Welch**

The scientists are at the forefront of international research identifying genes that contribute to the development of coronary heart disease (CHD), the major cause of heart attacks.

Newly appointed BHF Professor Keith Channon, from the University of Oxford, said: "This new funding will give us the platform we need to make sense of the masses of data we have from genetic studies, and help us to identify biological processes that we don't already know about.

"With our approach we might well find things that are completely new and unanticipated, which could lead to new treatments that save and improve the lives of people affected by coronary heart disease."

And the findings could also inform other areas of heart and circulatory disease, including high blood pressure, stroke, and an abnormal heart rhythm disorder called atrial fibrillation.

Over 50 genes have been identified that contribute to risk of CHD – but the underlying mechanisms are still, in many cases, unknown.

Discovering how the genes increase risk is likely to lead to new treatments for CHD, which are still needed to reduce the number of people dying prematurely from a heart attack.

Uniquely in the UK, the John Radcliffe Hospital admits new patients with suspected heart attack or stroke to a purpose-designed clinical research centre, partly funded by the BHF.

The doctors take samples and advanced imaging measurements for research at the same time as the patient receives clinical care.

New methods of clinical care include advancements in how genes are analysed.

These newly understood mechanisms can then be studied directly in mice, where potential new drugs can be tested as the first step towards new treatments for patients.

Scientists are hoping this research could ultimately unveil a pipeline of new genes, molecules and pathways that underpin susceptibility to CHD.

A BHF half marathon and 10k run at Blenheim Palace in Woodstock will be raising mney for the charity on October 2.

Last year runners helped raise more than £180,000. More than 3,000 runners have so far signed up for the seventh event.

• The John Radcliffe Hospital • Professor Keith Channon

Most hated word survey is halted after misuse

A GLOBAL online survey by Oxford Dictionaries to discover the world's most hated words has been suspended after 'severe misuse' by people posting politically-charged terms.

Oxford Dictionaries, part of Oxford University Press, launched the vote on Thursday last week to find English speakers' least favourite word broken down by country, but the survey was halted the next day after users submitted words including 'Islam' and 'Israel'.

By the time it was suspended 'moist', 'Brexit' and 'no' topped the table as the three most detested words in the UK.

A statement by Oxford Dictionaries said: "We regret to inform users that due to severe misuse we have had to remove this feature from our website."

More than 12,000 people worldwide had submitted their least favourite words, 4,000 of those from the UK.

Oxford Dictionaries had hoped tens of thousands of people would contribute, enabling it to put together a list of the least popular words by country, age, and gender, and revealing similarities and differences around the world.

They planned to publish the data online on an interactive world map.

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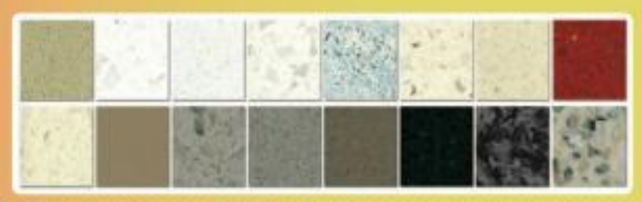

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Complaint against council is upheld by Ombudsman

By **Samantha McGregor**

A REVIEW will be held after a council failed to properly inspect building work which went on to cost a homeowner tens of thousands of pounds.

The Local Government Ombudsman upheld a complaint by Chris Harris after Cherwell District Council's building control department issued a completion certificate for defective work which failed to comply with building regulations.

The council said an internal and external review of its building control record keeping had been launched.

Two years ago, Mr Harris, 43, of Charlton-on-Otmoor, had a tiled roof put on his conservatory. As it needed to pass building regulations, he contacted the council, which sent out inspectors three times, signing off the work after the third visit.

However, within months the roof started leaking. The builder, who has not been named, denied liability and the matter went to Oxford County Court.

But the case failed because the builder had a completion certificate, which was issued after the council signed off the work.

Mr Harris said the matter has cost him almost £80,000.

He said: "It is not that the council's inspector failed to notice the defective work…he failed to inspect; he did not look at the roof at all, yet signed it off as being compliant."

In a statement Cherwell council said it "acknowledges" the Ombudsman's findings but still maintained it was an issue between Mr Harris and his builder and was not the council's liability.

It said: "The case law is clear that a council cannot be held liable for the cost of remedying a defect that resulted from that council not properly exercising its supervisory powers under the building regulations."

• Building work on the roof was signed off by Cherwell District Council

Show funds hall revamp

A SUMMER show has done more than entertain residents – it has helped pay for a revamp of a parish hall.

In July, Launton Village Players staged 'That's Entertainment', a variety show featuring sketches, singing and dancing.

Over two nights the show raised £1,515 which was donated to the Launton Parish Hall improvement project.

But the players didn't stop at raising cash – they all donated their time, brought in a paint brush and gave the hall a lick of paint.

The walls had become scuffed and marked and were in need of a makeover.

Paint was donated by businessman Andy Ng and Brewers' Decorators in Telford Road.

In a joint statement, the show's directors Nicky Roberts, Andy Roberts and Julia West said: "We were very pleased with the success of the show and the substantial amount raised for the cause.

"It made all the hard work, planning and preparation worthwhile."

They added: "We'd like to say thank you to all who came to see the show and dug deep into their pockets for such a significant and worthy cause for the village of Launton."

The players rehearse in the parish hall.

In the longer term, the Parish Hall Improvement Project will continue to fundraise to carry out significant work at the hall.

• Members of the group with brushes at the ready

News Bites

Council increase

N OXON: Landlords issued with notices to improve housing will face a 25 per cent increase in costs from October.

Cherwell District Council said it will increase the cost to issue unsatisfactory housing notices from £150 to £200 to cover the cost it incurs.

Cllr John Donaldson, Cherwell's lead member for housing, said: "This year we are increasing the minimum charge for notices to more accurately reflect the typical cost of inspecting a property, assessing what needs to be done, and then preparing and serving the notices."

Bins installed

THAME: Three new dual-use bins have just been installed at Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve.

The bins can be used for litter and bagged dog waste and will be emptied by Cuttle Brook Volunteers.

All three bins have been made from recycled plastics and have a closed top to prevent rubbish being blown out.

Voting canvass

N OXON: People are being urged to check they are registered to vote as the annual canvass gets under way.

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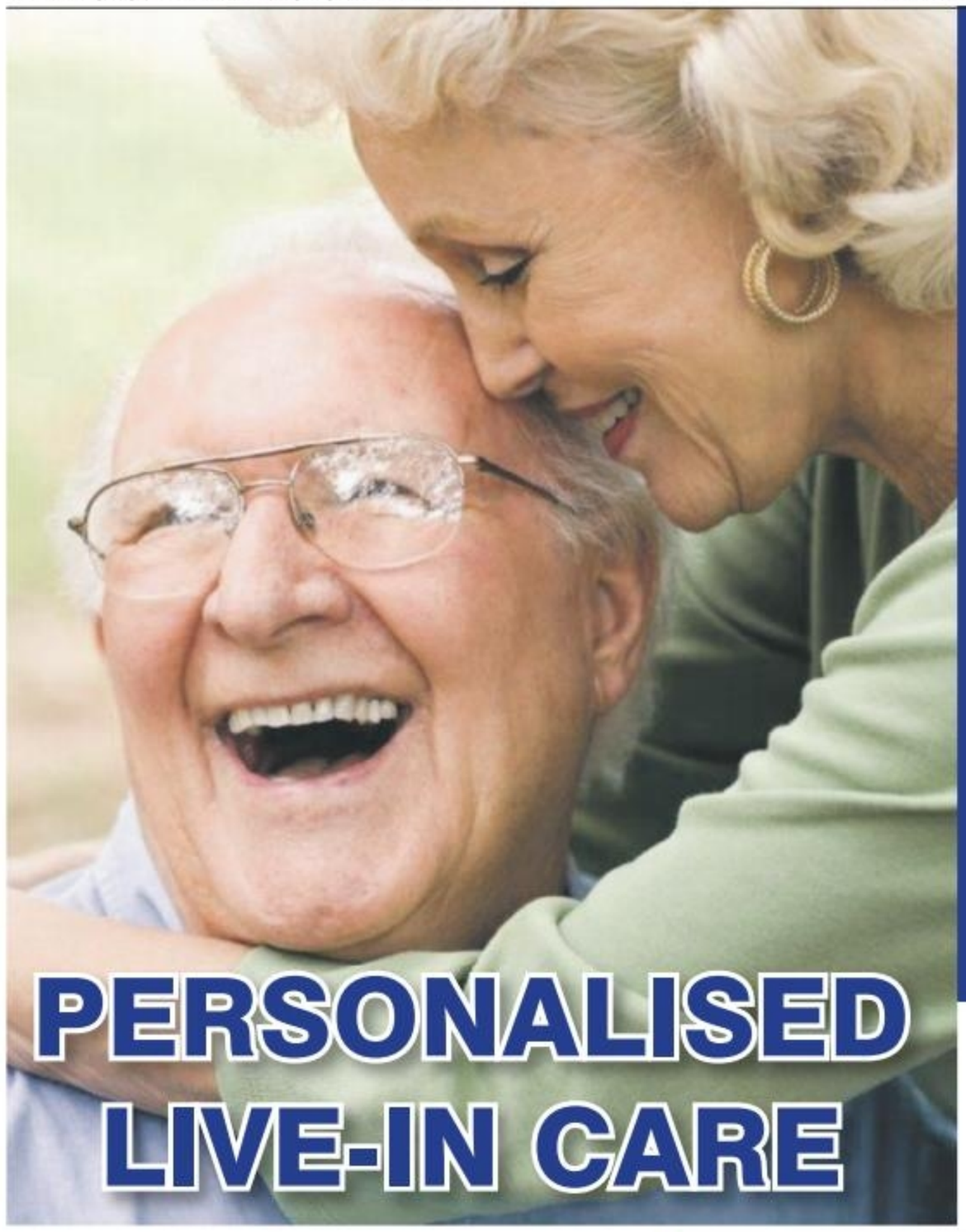

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Quick Clues Across

1 One who does not believe in God (7)
5 Alter (5)
8 Chase (4)
9 Illumination (8)
10 Sports events (8,5)
13 Type of material (4)
14 Labels (4)
17 Anniversary (6,7)
19 Sign (8)
20 Always (4)
21 Meeting (5)
22 Young swans (7)

Quick Clues Down

2 Digits (6)
3 Give a right to (7)
4 Lawyer (9)
5 Clear upper air (5)
6 Shows (7)
7 Summaries (7)
11 To a very great degree (9)
12 Cut into pieces (7)
13 Misrepresent (7)
15 Small fish (7)
16 Purpose (6)
18 Strive (5)

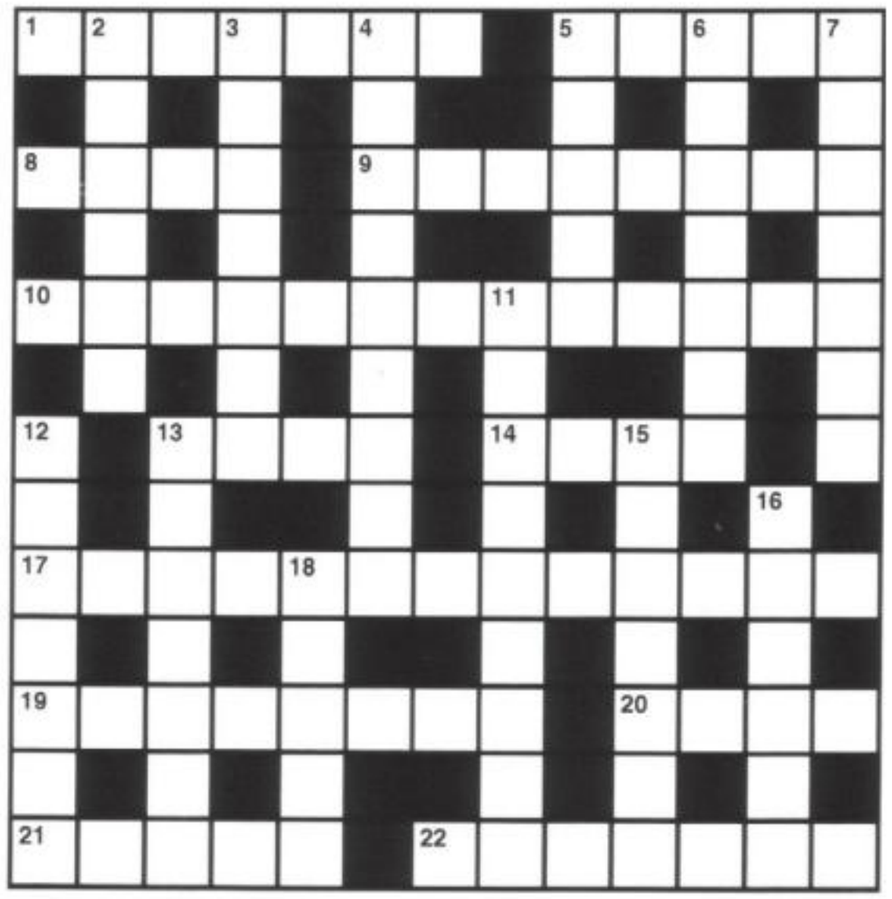
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Associate with a queen (7)
5 Tower for a child with a following of fifty (5)
8 Resting place for a Latin song (4)
9 The street to the right has a direct connection (8)
10 Did not cheat at football, for example (6,3,4)
13 A small room in Arabia (4)
14 Gives information about gratuities (4)
17 The devil is right in the place for the show (13)
19 Rode to be able somehow to deter (8)
20 But do excellent kings have pretensions? (4)
21 Heaps to form (5)
22 Develops former cares (7)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Nothing is clear about the medium's revelation (6)
3 Roamed, or remained about the head of the river (7)
4 The population shows indignation about the individual's instincts (9)
5 Slow down and break out (5)
6 Those with no choice (7)
7 Allow the rest to go round for the mail (7)
11 Exhorted nothing about departing from established doctrine (9)
12 The Caribbean islands take centigrade as their pointers (7)
13 In the morning I moan about the gas (7)
15 Have a shot at the tiger's head with time to make a stew (7)
16 Or in the overturned earth it will be hot (6)
18 Pleasant to have an Eastern relative (5)



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4			7	2		6	1	
		7	3		4		2	
	5	8	1			3		
6	8			3	5			7
9		5				2		6
3			2	6				8
		4			2	5	8	
	1		5		9	4		
	2	6		8	3			

	7	4		5		1	9	
	6		2		1		7	
3	5						1	2
8		6				3		9
7	4						5	6
	1		9		6		3	
	8	5		4		2	6	

		8					9	4
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		9			3	5	7	
	3				9			8
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This week's solutions

4	6	9	8	5	2	7	3	1
5	3	1	6	7	9	2	4	8
2	8	9	4	1	3	5	7	6
9	4	6	1	8	2	3	5	7
1	5	3	9	6	4	8	2	2
8	7	2	3	4	5	1	6	9
7	1	5	8	9	4	6	2	3
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7	9	4	6	1	2	5	8	3
8	1	3	5	7	9	4	6	2
5	2	6	4	8	3	7	9	1

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Atheist 5 Emend 8 Hunt 9 Lighting 10 Obstacle races 13 Felt 14 Tags 17 Silver Wedding 19 Evidence 20 Ever 21 Tryst 22 Cygnets

Down: 2 Thumbs 3 Entitle 4 Solicitor 5 Ether 6 Evinces 7 Digests 11 Extremely 12 Dissect 13 Falsify 15 Gudgeon 16 Intent 18 Exert

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Consort 5 Babel 8 Lair 9 Straight 10 Played the game 13 Aden 14 Tips 17 Demonstration 19 Cantered 20 Airs 21 Shape 22 Extends

Down: 2 Oracle 3 Strayed 4 Residents 5 Brake 6 Beggars 7 Letters 11 Heterodox 12 Indices 13 Ammonia 15 Pottage 16 Torrid 18 Niece

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11am-12.45pm

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Saturday September 3rd

BBC1

The Getaway Car, 4.50pm

6.00 Breakfast 10.00 Saturday Kitchen 11.30 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food(R) **12.00 Football Focus 12.30 Bargain Hunt**(R) **1.00 BBC News 1.10 Athletics: Diamond League Highlights 2.15 Escape to the Continent**(R) **3.15 FILM Wreck-It Ralph (2012) (PG) 4.50 The Getaway Car 5.40 BBC News 5.50 BBC Regional News; Weather 6.00 Pointless Celebrities 6.50 Strictly Come Dancing: The Launch** (S)

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8.15 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion Families answer questions to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion. (S)

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9.10 Casualty Elle tries to rally the troops, and Alicia discovers an uncomfortable truth. (S)

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10.00 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.20 FILM Avengers Assemble (2012) (12) Iron Man, Thor, Captain America and the Hulk join forces. Adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr. (S)

11

AFTER 12

12.35 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.40** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Proms Extra 2016, 6.50pm

(R) **7.45 FILM The Magnificent Showman (1964) (U) 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (R) **11.00 Lost Land of the Tiger** (R) **12.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British** (R) **12.45 Great British Menu** (R) **1.45 FILM That's Entertainment: Part Two (1976) (U) 3.50 Robot Wars** (R) **4.50 Flog It!** (R) **5.20 Gardeners' World** (R) **6.20 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice** (S)(R) **6.50 Proms Extra 2016** (S)

7.30 Greece with Simon Reeve Part two of two. Simon travels from the Peloponnese peninsula into the mountainous north of the country. (S)(R)

8.30 Dad's Army Pike receives his call-up papers. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM War Horse (2011) (12) A horse travels across the battlefields of the First World War, while the original owner searches for it. Drama, with Jeremy Irvine. (S)

11.15 FILM Hunky Dory (2011) (15) A teacher at a 1970s Welsh school persuades her students to stage a rock musical. Comedy drama, with Minnie Driver. (S)

1.00 FILM Romantics Anonymous (2010) (12) Romantic comedy, with Isabelle Carre and Benoit Poelvoorde. **2.15** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The X Factor, 8.15pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.20 FILM Columbo: A Stitch in Crime (1973) (PG)** (S) **12.50 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.00 Catchphrase** (S)(R) **1.45 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **2.45 Victoria** (S)(R) **4.15 The X Factor** (S) (R) **5.15 Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) **6.15 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.30 ITV News** (S) **6.45 You've Been Framed!** (S)(R)

7.15 Go for It Members of the public are given a chance to demonstrate their most unusual skills in unique challenges and compete for a cash prize. (S)

8.15 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary presents as the room auditions continue, with the judging panel appraising more would-be stars. (S)

9.15 Newzoids New series. (S)
9.45 The Nation's Favourite Carpenters Song Richard Carpenter charts the 13 years in which he and his sister Karen dominated the US charts. (S)

11.05 ITV News; Weather (S)
11.25 Pop Gold The best of the 1970s. (S)(R)

12.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S) **1.05** Jackpot247 **3.00** Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Hidden Britain by Drone, 7pm

7.20 Motorsport: British Rally Championships 7.50 Frasier (R) **8.55 The Morning Line** (S) **9.55 Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix Practice 3 Live** (S) **11.25 Murray Walker Meets Jenson Button** (S) **11.55 Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix Qualifying Live** (S) **2.30 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **4.45 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** (S) **5.45 Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke** (S)(R) **6.40 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Hidden Britain by Drone Part two of two. Tony Robinson presents aerial footage of a shipyard where aircraft carriers are built. (S)(R)

8.00 First Contact: Lost Tribe of the Amazon Documentary in which film-maker Angus Macqueen gains access to an Amazonian tribe. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM Lone Survivor (2013) (15) Premiere. Four soldiers face a battle for survival while on a mission to eliminate a terrorist leader. Fact-based drama, starring Mark Wahlberg. (S)

11.25 FILM The Family (2013) (15) A gangster and his family go into witness protection in rural France. Comedy thriller, with Robert De Niro. (S)

1.30 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **2.20** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.30** Superfoods: The Real Story (S)(R) **5.00** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) **5.55** Gillette World Sport (S)

Channel 5

Football on 5: Goal Rush, 10.40pm

6.00 Milkshake 9.00 The Saturday Show Live 11.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (R) **12.00 Murder House: Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (R) **1.00 Nightmare Neighbour Next Door: Living in Fear** (R) **2.00 Police Interceptors** (R) **3.00 Police Interceptors: Under Attack** (R) **4.00 Police Interceptors: Dog Squad** (R) **5.00 Can't Pay? Benefits Special** (R) **6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (R)

7.00 Adolf & Eva: Love & War Drama-documentary about Eva Braun, from her teenage infatuation with Adolf Hitler to their wedding and suicide. (S)(R)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 NCIS: Death Wish Feature-length special. A dead journalist is found to have been investigating the proliferation of drugs in the Navy. (S)(R)

10.40 Football on 5: Goal Rush George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (S)

11.40 Criminals: Caught on Camera The use of CCTV to fight crime. (S)(R)

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6.00 Emmerdale **9.05** Coronation Street **11.30** Ninja Warrior UK **12.30** You've Been Framed! Gold: Kids **1.30** FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006) (U) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35** FILM: Charlotte's Web (2006) (U) Concluded. **3.20** FILM: A Cinderella Story (2004) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray. **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25** FILM: A Cinderella Story (2004) (PG) Concluded. **5.15** FILM: Bean (1997) (PG) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **6.15** FYI Daily **6.20** FILM: Bean (1997) (PG) Concluded. **7.05** FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton. **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10** FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Concluded. **9.15** The Xtra Factor Live **10.15** Family Guy **11.40** American Dad! **12.40** FILM: Keith Lemon: The Film (2012) (15) **1.45** FYI Daily **1.50** FILM: Keith Lemon: The Film (2012) (15) **2.20** Mom **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Doctor at Large **6.25** Judge Judy **6.50** Where the Heart Is **8.55** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **10.05** Goodnight Mister Tom **12.15** FILM: Anne of Green Gables (2015) (U) **2.00** FILM: Forever Young (1992) (PG) Romantic sci-fi drama, with Mel Gibson and Jamie Lee Curtis. **3.00** FYI Daily **3.05** FILM: Forever Young (1992) (PG) Concluded. **4.00** Foyle's War **6.00** Lewis **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Lewis **1.05** Wycliffe **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Scotland's Home Movies: Memories on Film **8.00** Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth **9.00** Beck: Eye of the Storm **10.30** The Story of Musicals **1.30** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.10** FILM: Janis: Little Girl Blue (2015) (15) **3.40** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.25** Baby Daddy **7.05** Melissa & Joey **9.00** New Girl **9.30** Made in Chelsea: South of France **10.30** The Goldbergs **12.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.30** FILM: Toy Story That Time Forgot (2014) (U) **3.00** Toy Story Toons **3.35** FILM: ParaNorman (2012) (PG) Animated adventure, with the voice of Kodi Smit-McPhee. **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Fantastic Four (2005) (PG) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Ioan Gruffudd. **11.05** Gogglebox **1.15** Rude Tube: Ultimate Stunts **2.25** Drifters **2.50** Chewing Gum **3.15** 2 Broke Girls **3.55** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 River Cottage Bites **9.15** Come Dine with Me **11.50** Four in a Bed **2.30** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **2.45** Come Dine with Me **4.55** Great Canal Journeys **5.55** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms **6.55** Location, Location, Location **8.00** Grand Designs **9.00** 9/11: The Lost Tapes **10.00** 9/11: Elite Rescue Cops **11.05** 9/11 Firehouse **12.10** 24 Hours in A&E **1.15** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2016 – Best Bits **2.20** Father Ted **3.20** Kirstie's Vintage Gems **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) (PG) **1.00** Tooth (2004) (U) **2.50** Inspector Gadget (1999) (U) Disney comedy adventure, starring Matthew Broderick. **4.30** Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) (U) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Ray Romano. **6.25** A League of Their Own (1992) (PG) Baseball comedy drama, starring Geena Davis. **9.00** Identity Thief (2013) (15) Comedy, with Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy. **11.15** Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992) (18) Francis Ford Coppola's horror, starring Gary Oldman. **1.45** Seven Psychopaths (2012) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Sin City Motors **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Storage Hunters **11.00** Top Gear **1.00** Red Dwarf **5.00** Top Gear **7.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **9.00** Would I Lie to You? **9.40** QI **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** FILM: Three Kings (1999) (15) **2.15** Would I Lie to You? **3.25** QI **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Lovejoy **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** The Last Detective **3.00** New Tricks **7.00** Father Brown **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shetland **11.30** Waking the Dead **2.00** Riders **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 The Dog Whisperer **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Football's Funniest Moments **12.30** The F1 Show **1.00** Futurama **2.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** Mount Pleasant **10.00** A League of Their Own **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Football's Funniest Moments **1.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **2.00** The Last Ship **3.00** Limitless **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **4.30** Futurama

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Petrol Age **7.00** Urban Secrets **8.00** Cold Case **11.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **12.00** Blue Bloods **5.00** Without a Trace **9.00** FILM: Appaloosa (2008) (15) Western, starring Ed Harris and Viggo Mortensen. **11.15** Game of Thrones **1.40** The Sopranos **2.55** Cold Case **3.45** Veep **4.20** The Petrol Age **5.10** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.00 Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **6.10** Doctor Who: The Doctors Revisited **7.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **8.00** Traffic Cops **8.25** The Bill **12.25** Motorway Cops **1.30** EastEnders **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** Outnumbered **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.10** John Bishop: In Conversation with James Corden **11.10** Sherlock **1.05** Doctor Who: The Doctors Revisited **1.30** Being Human USA **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Creature Comforts **7.10** I Dream of Jeannie **8.05** Creature Comforts **8.20** Blandings **9.40** The Two Ronnies Sketchbook **10.40** The Vicar of Dibley **11.55** Only Fools and Horses **6.20** Miranda **11.00** Dylan Moran: Yeah, Yeah Live **12.10** Limmy's Show **12.50** House of Fools **1.30** jam **2.00** Knowing Me, Knowing You – With Alan Partridge **3.08** Rex the Runt **3.20** Time Trumpet with Armando Iannucci **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **7.00** Premier League World **7.30** Premier League Legends **8.00** Premier League 100 Club **8.30** Premier League World **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Premier League World **12.00** Live EFL. **2.30** Live PRO12 Rugby Union. Scarlets v Munster (kick-off TBA). **5.00** Live PRO12 Rugby Union. Connacht v Glasgow Warriors (kick-off TBA). **7.30** Sporting Triumphs **7.40** Live Top 14 Rugby Union. Toulon v Brive (kick-off 7.45pm). **9.35** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **10.00** Premier League Years **12.00** Fight Night **2.00** Premier League Legends **2.30** Premier League 100 Club **3.00** Premier League Years **5.00** Premier League Legends **5.30** Premier League 100 Club

Sunday September 4th

BBC1

Countryfile, 7pm

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show 10.00 Sunday Morning Live 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer (R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (R) **1.00 BBC News 1.15 Escape to the Country** (R) **2.00 Eat Well for Less?** (R) **3.00 Points of View 3.15 Ingenious Animals** (R) **4.15 The Great British Bake Off** (R) **5.15 Songs of Praise 5.50 Pointless Celebrities** (R) **6.35 BBC News 6.50 BBC Regional News** (S)

DAYTIME

7

7.00 Countryfile Reports on harvest time. Anita Rani picks peppermint to make cocktails, while Matt Baker discovers how harvesting has changed. (S)

8

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Audley End, Essex, where experts value a historically important sword. (S)

9

9.00 Poldark New series. Ross stands trial for his life, but refuses to make a deal with George to save himself. Demelza seeks the aid of a neighbour, whose niece has caught Unwin's eye. (S)

10

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Room 101 – Extra Storage With Bridget Christie, Greg James and Robert Peston. (S)

11

11.10 FILM Insomnia (2002) (15) A detective accidentally kills his partner, and the murderer they were hunting witnesses it. Thriller, with Al Pacino. (S)

AFTER 12

1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Equestrian: Burghley Horse Trials, 3pm

6.45 Glorious Gardens from Above (S)(R) **7.30 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.30 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.30 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S)(R) **11.30 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **1.00 Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook** (S)(R) **1.30 Heir Hunters** (S)(R) **2.15 Flog It!** (S)(R) **3.00 Equestrian: Burghley Horse Trials** (S) **5.00 FILM John Carter (2012) (12)** (S)

7.00 New York: America's Busiest City Ade Adepitan, Anita Rani, Ant Anstead and Dan Snow take a closer look at one of the most powerful cities in the world. (S)(R)

8.00 A Very British Deterrent Drama-documentary about the history of Britain's nuclear deterrent. (S)

9.00 Dragons' Den Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden, Touker Suleyman, Sarah Willingham and Nick Jenkins cast an eye over a parking app and an idea for nail gel. (S)

10.00 Fleabag Claire organises her own surprise birthday party. (S)
10.30 Murder in Successville A famous racehorse is murdered. (S)

11.00 Imagine: Rio 50 Degrees – Carry on CaRIOca Film-maker Julien Temple explores the cultural history of Rio de Janeiro. (S)(R)

12.45 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **1.40** Holby City (S)(R) **2.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Victoria, 9pm

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 Murder, She Wrote** (S)(R) **11.20 Chopping Block** (S)(R) **12.20 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.25 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **1.25 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **2.25 Victoria** The queen is devastated when Melbourne announces he is stepping down. (S)(R) **3.30 The X Factor** (S)(R) **4.30 World Cup Qualifier Live** Slovakia v England (kick-off 5.00pm). (S)

7.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
7.45 ITV News (S)

8.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary introduces the next stage of the room auditions, as more would-be contestants find themselves face to face with the judges. (S)

9.00 Victoria The queen finds herself surrounded by suitors seeking her hand in marriage after Prince Albert is suggested as a possible consort, but remains determined to rule alone. (S)

10.05 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 World Cup Qualifier Highlights Action from the latest 2018 World Cup qualifying matches, featuring Slovakia v England and Malta v Scotland. (S)

11.35 Premiership Rugby Union Highlights of the opening round of fixtures in English rugby's top-flight competition. (S)

12.35 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) **4.40** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Location, Location, Location, 3.30pm

6.20 FILM Weekend of a Champion (2013) (PG) (S) **8.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.00 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.00 Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix Live** (S) **3.30 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **4.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S) **5.30 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.05 FILM Toy Story OF TERROR! (2013) (U)** (S) **6.30 Roald Dahl's Most Marvellous Book** (S)

8.00 Speed with Guy Martin New series. The motorcycle racer competes in the Nevada Open Road Challenge, the fastest road race in the world. (S)

9.30 FILM The Wolf of Wall Street (2013) (18) Premiere. A stockbroker lives a life of debauchery as he gets rich through illegal trading. Leonardo DiCaprio stars. (S)

1.05 Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix Highlights (S) **2.10** The World's Weirdest Weather (S)(R) **3.05** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **4.00** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **4.50** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **5.20** Come Dine with Me (S)

Channel 5

Most Shocking Celebrity Moments, 9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 The Fairly OddParents (S) **10.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) **11.30 Now That's Funny!** (S)(R) **1.30 FILM Penelope (2006) (U)** (S) **3.15 FILM Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) (PG)** Comedy, starring Kevin James and Keir O'Donnell. (S) **5.00 Grannies Make You Laugh Out Loud** (S)(R) **6.00 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 2** (S)(R)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v Pakistan. Action from the fifth one-day international of the five-match series, which took place at The SSE SWALEC. (S)

8.00 Inside the White House An exploration of American politics from the perspective of the President's official residence. (S) (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments Infamous incidents from the 1990s, including OJ Simpson's trial, Eric Cantona kicking a fan, and Jarvis Cocker interrupting Michael Jackson. (S)

11.55 Autopsy: The Last Hours of Michael Hutchence Richard Shepherd investigates the death of INXS frontman Michael Hutchence. (S)(R)

12.55 SuperCasino 3.10 The Hotel Inspector Returns (S)(R) **4.00** Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) **4.50** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Blue: The Hot Desk **6.10** Planet's Funniest Animals **6.35** Emmerdale **9.40** Coronation Street **12.15** The X Factor **1.15** The Xtra Factor Live **2.15** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Gold **3.15** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) **5.05** FILM: Hotel for Dogs (2009) (U) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** FILM: Hotel for Dogs (2009) (U) **7.05** FILM: Jack and Jill (2011) (PG) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **8.05** FYI Daily **8.10** FILM: Jack and Jill (2011) (PG) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** Bordertown **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Doctor at Large **6.25** Rising Damp **6.50** FILM: Forever Young (1992) (PG) **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** FILM: Forever Young (1992) (PG) **8.55** Heartbeat **11.00** Lewis **1.00** FILM: Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1990) (PG) **3.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** The Murder of Sadie Hartley **10.35** FILM: Something's Gotta Give (2003) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton. **11.35** FYI Daily **11.40** FILM: Something's Gotta Give (2003) (12) Concluded. **1.05** Wire in the Blood **3.35** May the Best House Win **5.20** Rising Damp **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 BBC Proms 2016: CBSO Plays Tchaikovsky **8.45** Wild Scotland **9.00** Woolly Mammoth: Secrets from the Ice **10.00** Storyville: My Nazi Legacy **11.30** The Most Courageous Raid of WWII **12.30** The Beginning and End of the Universe **1.30** The Search for Life: The Drake Equation **2.30** After Life: The Strange Science of Decay **4.00** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 The Mindy Project **6.40** Baby Daddy **7.35** The Goldbergs **8.30** Made in Chelsea: South of France **9.30** Hollyoaks **12.00** Coach Trip: Road to Ibiza **2.35** The Goldbergs **3.30** FILM: Hugo (2011) (U) Family adventure, starring Asa Butterfield. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.00** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **11.00** Gogglebox **1.10** Rude Tube: Rude Tunes **2.15** Containment **3.00** Angie Tribeca **3.25** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **9.20** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **9.50** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **10.55** Phil Spencer's Stately Homes **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Grand Designs **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** Britain's Best Loved Sitcoms **11.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.15** 24 Hours in A&E **1.20** That's So Last Century **2.25** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.25** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Man from Colorado (1948) (PG) **1.00** Bridge to Terabithia (2007) (PG) **3.00** Aliens in the Attic (2009) (PG) **4.55** Moonrise Kingdom (2012) (12) **6.45** Grease 2 (1982) (PG) Musical sequel, starring Michelle Pfeiffer. **9.00** The Bourne Legacy (2012) (12) Spy thriller sequel, starring Jeremy Renner. **11.40** Ghosts of Girlfriends Past (2009) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Garner. **1.45** Milius (2013) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.15 Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **11.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **12.00** Jay Leno's Garage **1.00** FILM: Zoolander (2001) (12) **2.50** Trawlermen **3.30** Storage Hunters UK **4.00** FILM: The Dirty Dozen (1967) (12) Second World War action adventure, with Lee Marvin. **7.00** Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Suits **11.00** Parks and Recreation **12.30** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **1.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.30** Never Mind the Buzzcocks **3.00** Suits **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 FILM: The Hound of the Baskervilles (2002) (15) **9.00** The Bill **12.00** Catherine Cookson's The Man Who Cried **3.00** Brush Strokes **5.00** FILM: The Hound of the Baskervilles (2002) (15) **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.20** Sweeney Todd **1.20** FILM: Surviving Love (2004) (PG) **3.00** The Paradise **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Monkey Life **8.30** Futurama **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Road Wars **2.00** Modern Family **4.00** The Simpsons **8.00** The Last Ship **9.00** Zoo **10.00** Ross Kemp: Extreme World **11.00** Stop, Search, Seize **12.00** The Force: Manchester **1.00** Air Ambulance ER **2.00** Brit Cops: War on Crime **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Motorway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Petrol Age **7.00** Urban Secrets **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **2.00** Without a Trace **6.00** Cold Case **9.00** The Night Of **10.30** Ray Donovan **11.40** Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth **1.25** The Sopranos **2.40** Without a Trace **3.35** Veep **4.10** The Petrol Age **5.00** Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.00 Doctor Who: The Doctors Revisited **6.50** DIY SOS **7.20** DIY SOS: Million Pound Build for Children in Need 2013 **8.20** EastEnders **10.55** Judge Faith **12.20** My Dream Home **1.20** Doctor Who **5.20** Outnumbered **8.00** Beauty and the Beast **9.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with James Corden **10.00** Sherlock **12.00** Code Black **1.40** Derren Brown: Trick or Treat **2.05** Being Human USA **2.48** Dynamo: Top Ten Greatest Moments **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Creature Comforts **7.10** I Dream of Jeannie **7.40** Blandings **9.25** Only Fools and Horses **5.30** Miranda **11.00** FILM: Withnail & I (1987) (15) Cult black comedy, with Richard E Grant and Paul McGann. **1.15** 15 Storeys High **2.25** Knowing Me, Knowing You – With Alan Partridge **3.00** Time Trumpet with Armando Iannucci **3.33** Rex the Runt **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **7.00** Premier League 100 Club **8.00** Premier League Legends **9.00** The Sunday Supplement **10.30** Goals on Sunday **11.30** Live EFL. **2.00** Live EFL. Gillingham v Sheffield United (kick-off 2.15pm). **4.30** Football Gold **4.55** Live International Football: FIFA World Cup 2018 Qualifiers. Lithuania v Slovenia (kick-off 5.00pm). **7.00** Live International Football: FIFA World Cup 2018 Qualifiers. Czech Republic v Northern Ireland (kick-off 7.45pm). **10.00** International Football: FIFA World Cup 2018 Qualifiers **10.30** Golovkin – KO King **10.45** Kell Brook – Sheffield Legacy **11.00** International Football: FIFA World Cup 2018 Qualifiers **1.00** Goals on Sunday **2.00** Premier League 100 Club **3.00** Premier League Legends **4.00** Premier League Years

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

The magic of Miller lives on

HE might have died almost 72 years ago but Glenn Miller's legacy lives on with the show 'The Glenn Miller Story' at Oxford's New Theatre until Saturday, September 3.

By **James Richings**

The run of shows at the George Street venue started on Tuesday, August 30, which also marked the New Theatre's first show of its exciting line-up for the 2016/17 season.

• *Tommy Steele stars as band leader Glenn Miller*

With the show starring British music legend Tommy Steele, audience members at the New Theatre will be able to see how Miller made his name, whilst also learning about the tragic circumstances that ended his life so suddenly in December 1944.

"Glenn Miller is my idol and I was taken by my parents to see him when I was a little boy," Tommy said. "I was a kid during the Blitz so the bombs were dropping everywhere and in 1942 the Americans came into the war.

"I was only four and all of a sudden over American Forces Network came this music saying Glenn Miller's coming to England, my mum and dad were thrilled.

"My dad took me to the Albert Hall to see him.

"Today, all I can remember is this wonderful sound and then came the mystery of his death. It's a great story.

"Glenn Miller was a man searching for the perfect sound and I loved that whole tale of him being so meticulous about his music."

"When you add that to the tragedy, you have all the material for a musical theatre show.

It's an adventure in music you won't stop tapping to."

Born in 1094 in Iowa, Miller became a household name during the 1920s and 1930s when his popular big band tunes such as 'In the Mood', 'Moonlight Serenade' and 'A String of Pearls' were played on numerous radio stations in the US and the UK which led him to become the world's best-selling musician from 1939 to 1943.

His leadership, compositions and high work ethic made Miller one of the most successful musicians in swing and jazz.

However, his career and life came to a tragic end on December 15, 1944, when a 44-year-old Miller was travelling from England to France to entertain American troops during the Second World War.

His plane disappeared over the Channel, with the bandleader still being classed as missing in action to this very day.

But despite the tragic way that the musician's life was ended, Miller's music and legacy has lived on.

"It's a show about a man looking for a sound, which he then finds," Tommy said. "It's never that strenuous when you're in a great show and you can't wait to sing the songs, do the dances.

"I can't really explain it but you walk on stage, do two-and-a-half hours and you've got an audience listening, you can't be luckier than that, can you?

Tickets cost from £15 to £48.90.

Singer performs to entertain elderly

WILTSHIRE singer-songwriter is travelling around the South performing to elderly people in care homes.

His next stop is at the Close Care Home in Abingdon on Wednesday, September 7.

"One of the best aspects of working in care homes, and more especially in dementia units, is that I get a lot of joy in singing songs that obviously have meant something to the residents for a long time," the full-time musician told the Guardian.

Dave's repertoire includes swing, rock 'n' roll, 1990s pop and country and western to make sure that there is something for everyone.

Dave's performance at the home will start at 2.45pm and will last for an hour.

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The Eulogy of Toby Peach

AT the age of 28 Toby Peach has already been recruited twice to the exclusive 'Cancer Club'.

By **James Richings**

The actor and writer's one-man-show 'The Eulogy of Toby Peach' will not only celebrate life but also mortality and the wonders of the human body when it arrives at Oxford's Burton Taylor Studios.

The comedic but emotional show will recount Toby's battle with blood cancer Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

He fought and beat the disease on two separate occasions aged 19 and 21.

Toby's Eulogy will take the audience on a tour of the Cancer Club, let them sample chemotherapy cocktails and marvel at Willy Wonka's life-saving stem cell machine.

As a teenager he visited his GP because his neck was starting to look noticeably large.

He said although his doctor didn't think it could be cancer, because only one per cent of people who have cancer are 15-24, he was sent for tests.

After being diagnosed, he said: "I didn't think it could be cancer.

"I didn't really know what cancer was."

He told the Guardian: "For me I found the mental battle the hardest.

"Seeing my body change drastically and coping with the situation left me fractured.

"I didn't recognise the person in the mirror a lot of the time. Seeing the stress and strain on those around me is difficult to manage too."

He had been an enthusiastic young man ready to make his mark on the world. But when the illness struck, he didn't know which day could be his last.

Toby decided to write his own show to explain how the cancer changed his life, and hopes his story can help other cancer patients.

"When you experience cancer or any disease, at any age, it does change you.

"It scares you, especially when you're forced to notice your own mortality.

"It took me a long time to understand though, that I can't change these scars that I have and I have to accept and move forward with them."

He added: "One in two of us will experience cancer first-hand so I wanted to bring this universal issue to the stage.

Productions are on Thursday, September 8, and Friday, September 9, starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10.

• *Cancer survivor Toby Peach will be performing his own eulogy*

Roughcut Ruby

LIVE MUSIC: Witney-based covers band Roughcut Ruby will be performing at The Bay Tree in Wantage on Friday, September 2.

Richard Horrocks on bass, Paul Haines on drums, Jim Smith on guitar, and vocalist Helen Harrison will play hits from the likes of Maroon 5, The Wombats, and Stevie Wonder.

The free gig at the Newbury Street venue will start at 9pm.

Glee Club bill

COMEDY: The Glee Club's weekly entertainment bill continues on Saturday, September 3 with comedians Prince Abdi, George Zach, and Mike Wilmot among the line-up.

Tickets for the show in Oxford's Hythe Bridge Street cost £14.50 .

It is suitable for over 18s.

Eddie The Eagle

FILM: This year's blockbuster 'Eddie the Eagle', will be screened at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Tuesday, September 13.

Starring Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman, Christopher Walken and Jim Broadbent, the biographical flick looks at the career of ski jumper Michael 'Eddie the Eagle' Edwards.

It starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £6.

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This property showcased courtesy of Davis Tate Wantage

Newly-built three-bed home

An immaculate three-storey, three double bedroom home on a corner plot in this desirable and convenient location.

Built in 2014, the house is offered to the market in superb condition and with no onward chain.

It has a ground floor cloakroom, open plan reception space with patio doors onto the garden, high quality fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and generous bathroom.

There is also driveway parking for several vehicles, and front, rear and side gardens.

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This home will appeal to families looking to acquire a cosy retreat tucked away from hustle and bustle. EPC Rating C.

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Three-storey property in superb condition

• *From front page*

The entrance hall has oak flooring, stairs to the first floor, oak doors to kitchen, WC & reception room.

The ground floor cloakroom has a window to the front, white suite and ceramic tiled floor.

The reception space is open plan, with living/dining space, double doors opening onto the rear garden, window to the side garden and oak flooring.

The kitchen is as new condition with the protective film still on the cupboards. Window to the front, solid wood worktops, double drainer sink unit, integrated electric oven, gas hob and extractor hood. Space and plumbing for washing machine and fridge/freezer. Ceramic tiled floor.

On the first floor are two double bedrooms both with ample space for wardrobes and two windows. The generous family bathroom has a large bath with shower, heated towel rail, radiator and a window to the side.

To the second floor is a further spacious bedroom with two velux windows affording far reaching views towards the Ridgeway.

The property is on a generous corner plot, with lawns to the front, rear and side of the property, raised vegetable plots, 10'8' shed with certified electrics and lighting. Patio area, gated access to the private gated driveway parking at the rear.

For further details or to arrange a viewing, contact Davis Tate Wantage on 01235 772670, e-mail wantage@davistate.com, or visit davistate.com.

Davis Tate marks its quarter century

AFTER a modest start at Goring-on-Thames in January 1991, Davis Tate proudly celebrate 25 successful years of trading in 2016.

Joint managing director Matthew Davis and David Tate started the partnership together by recognising they individually brought very different skills sets that complement each other to form a business model that has proven to work well.

The company name says it all, a combination of both their surnames – with both still involved in the day-to-day running of the company. Estate Agency in 1991 was the same as it is today, a personal and intense process, involving the needs of numerous links of a chain, but the way it which it works has taken on some major changes since 1991, and it is the ability to adapt and react, but also predict these changes, that has allowed the company to go from strength to strength over the years.

Industry challenges have come along, and at times the business has had to refocus and adjust, ultimately for the long term benefit.

Mr Davis said: "I remember the early days, when we knew the detail of each sale and let. As we have grown, I have taken care of the 'back room' function, and David inspires our ever-growing customer facing staff base. We've also grown our services from not just selling houses; we also let and manage over 2,000 homes for a worldwide data base of landlords, based in over 65 countries, as well as many local investors, and we offer financial services and conveyancing.'

Mr Tate agreed, saying: 'Things are very different now with technology, and I find myself explaining to the younger starters how we worked when we started, with simple things like taking photographs and waiting for them to be developed before sticking them onto pieces of paper to make up our property particulars which were typed on a typewriter! Most things are more immediate these days with mobile phones, email, internet, and property websites, but we still find that our clients need and appreciate our expertise in All Property Matters.

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Oxford needs to see more housing built

EVEN with Brexit and the fact immigration numbers may now reduce over the coming years, there remains a severe shortage of new housing being built in the Oxford area (and across the UK as a whole).

Even if there are short-term confidence trembles fueled by journalists, politicians and others hungry for bad news, the fast-growing population of Oxford creates high demand for property creating an imbalance of supply and demand.

New building in the Oxford City Council area has grown. In 2014/15, for every 1,000 existing households, an additional 0.72 homes were built, for 2015/16, that figure is 2.49 homes built per thousand existing households (an increase of 246%).

However, nationally, to meet the Government's stated 1,000,000 new homes target, Oxford needs to be at 7.12 new homes per thousand.This dismal picture is down to the fact that not enough is being done to fix the broken Oxford housing market. We are still only seeing 140 new homes being built when we need 400 a year to stand still!

In my opinion, Messers Cameron and Osborne focused their attention too much on the demand side of the housing equation, using the Help to Buy scheme and low-deposit mortgages to convert the 'Generation Rent' into 'Generation Buy'.

It is now vital that the supply-side is addressed, and I would recommend the new Housing Minster, Gavin Barwell grabs this challenge with some urgency. This will require transformation of local planning policy, legislation, large-scale release of public land and much greater investment.

For more thoughts and opinion, visit the Oxford Property Blog www.oxfordpropertyblog.co.uk

Demystifying landlord licensing issues

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If you're a landlord in Oxford, you're no doubt aware of the debate around licensing. It's a topic that has met with much discussion and is one which is often misunderstood.

First things first, landlord licensing is not new, nor is it unique to Oxford City Council. It was introduced for Homes of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs) back in 2011, and there have been ongoing discussions around introducing it for all landlords, possibly as early as January 2017.

The fact is, it's likely to happen so whether you're an existing landlord or considering becoming one, now is the time to do your homework and understand its implications.

On face value, licensing is a good thing. No-one wants sub-quality rental property in the market.

Of course, not all landlords are rogues and if it is introduced across the entire lettings market, it could cause a headache for those who already act responsibly. The cost of the actual license aside, some landlords could find themselves being required to carry out obligatory renovation jobs. Frustratingly, the detail here simply isn't yet known.

What licensing does mean though, whether at an HMO level or in the regular private rented sector, is that those properties quick to gain their license, can market this status as a benefit.

Simply, good quality properties will let quickly, often with multiple applicants vying for the tenancy and sometimes even going for over the initial asking rent.

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Abingdon

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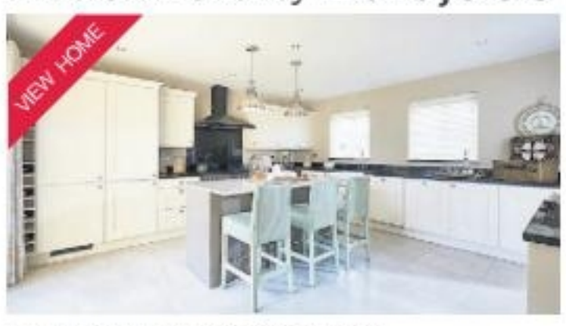

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Risinghurst OIE £375,000

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Brill £525,000

A contemporary three bedroom family home which has been subject to extension over recent years and now provides larger than average living space.

Ickford £500,000

A family size four bedroom detached house that enjoys a pleasing rural aspect to the rear along with a mature and well tended garden.

Shabbington £500,000

A contemporary four bedroom detached home with wonderful panoramic views to the rear over the surrounding countryside.

Brill £475,000

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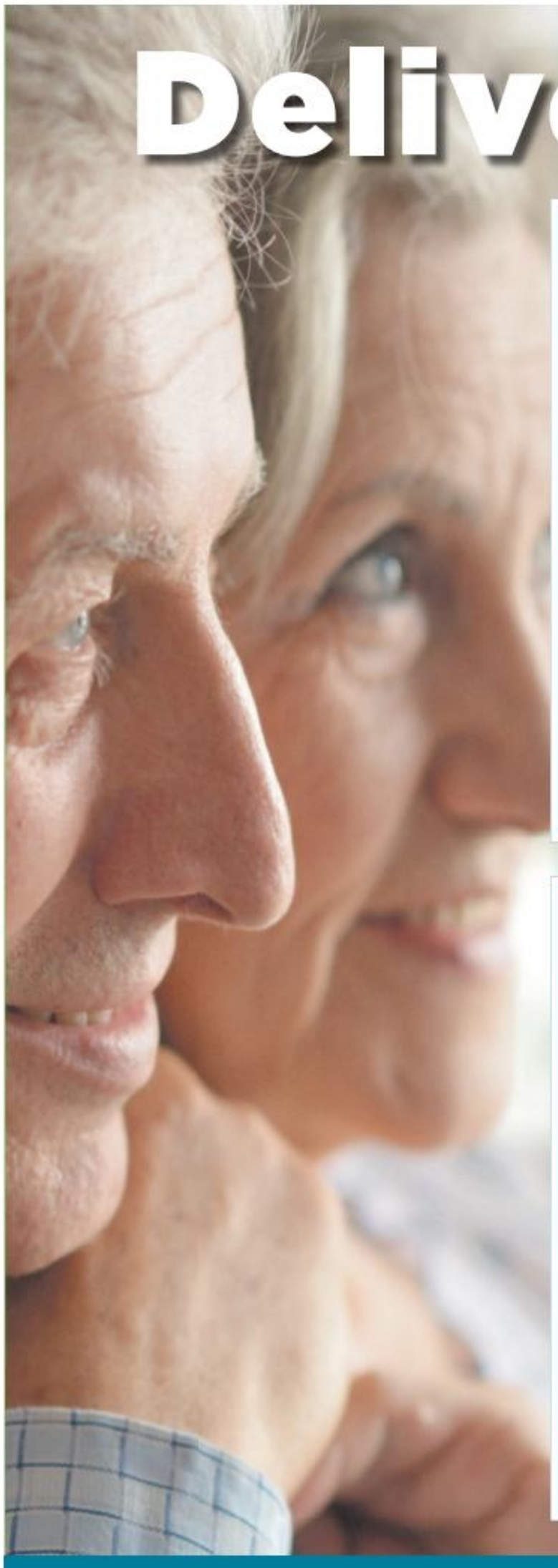

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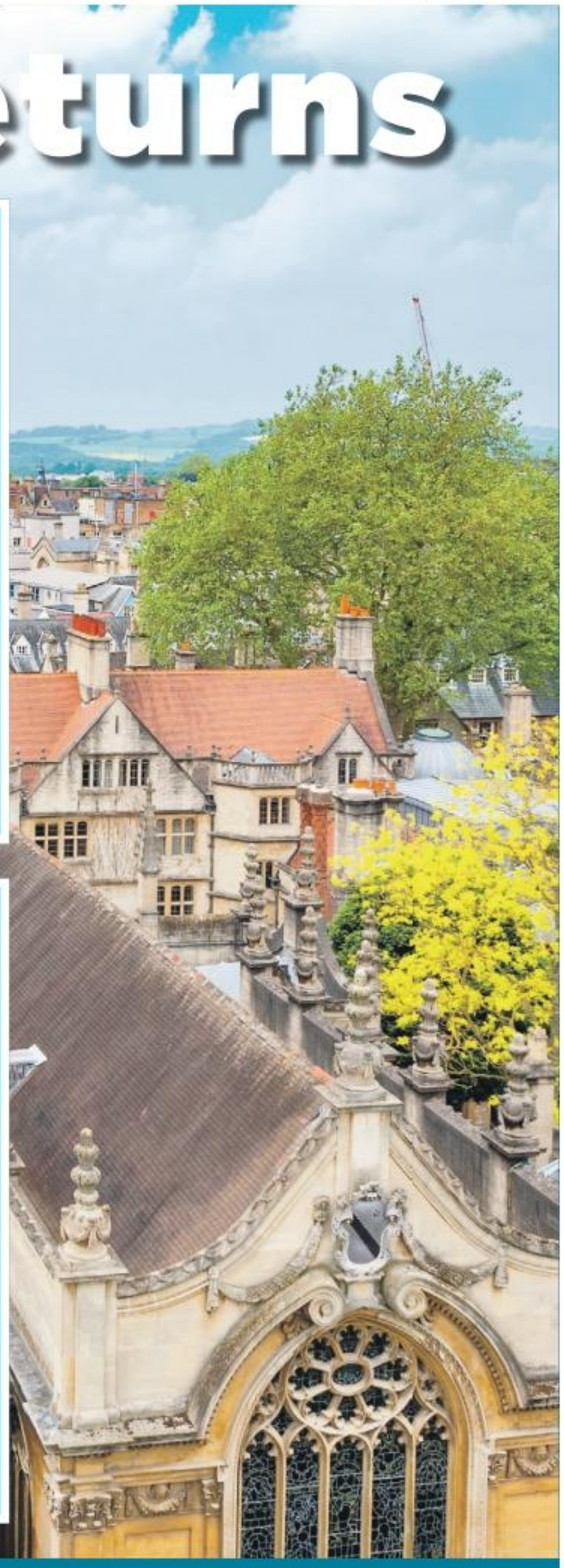

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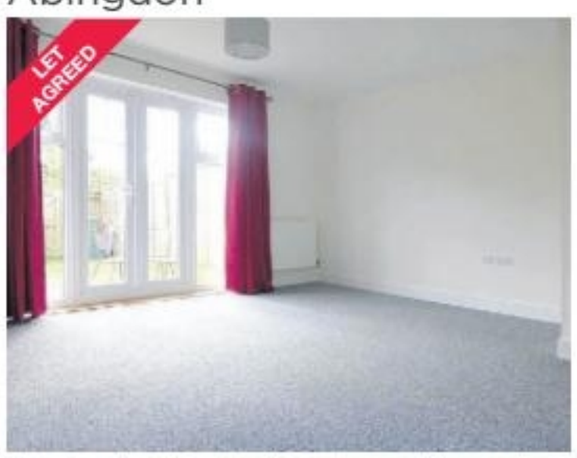

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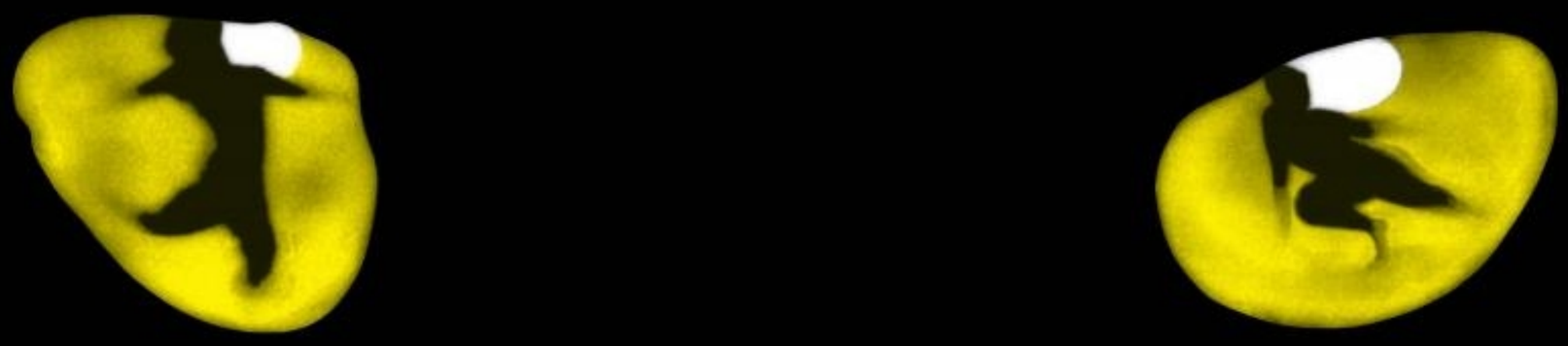

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Former TV man to star in show

IT might be only September, but a slapstick pantomime interpretation of 'The Three Musketeers' is visiting the Kenton Theatre in Henley.

By **James Richings**

Written and directed by Ian McFarlane, the family-fun production starts its run at the New Street Theatre this evening and ends on Saturday, September 17.

The play stars former Blue Peter children's TV show presenter Peter Duncan, 62, who hopes there will be something for everyone during the 16-day run.

"The rehearsals have been joyous and a lot of fun so hopefully the shows will be exactly the same," he told the Guardian.

"Prior to doing the rehearsals, I have never even been to the Kenton Theatre before but it's a beautiful place in a beautiful part of the country, so when the first show date arrives, I'll be very excited."

Written and directed by Ian McFarlane, the play is based in 1942 with theatre director Aubrey Everett currently touring the English provinces with his own adaptation of The Three Musketeers.

However, the vast majority of his cast and crew are stuck on a train near Salisbury after a German air raid destroyed the bridge over the River Avon.

Will Aubrey manage to get his crew and cast in time for the show? Or is there a disaster waiting to happen?

"I can't tell you what role I play as that would be given too much away, so you have to come along to find out," Peter said.

"However, I can tell you that this is a comedy musical so expect a lot of laughs with some very catchy numbers.

"It is very much in the style of what I would describe it as variety, slapstick, storytelling musical that has been set in the 1940s."

Peter also revealed that his long friendship with McFarlane helped him land a role in the production.

Well known on screen as one of the faces of Blue Peter during the 1980s, he hopes his role will a positive reaction from the audience.

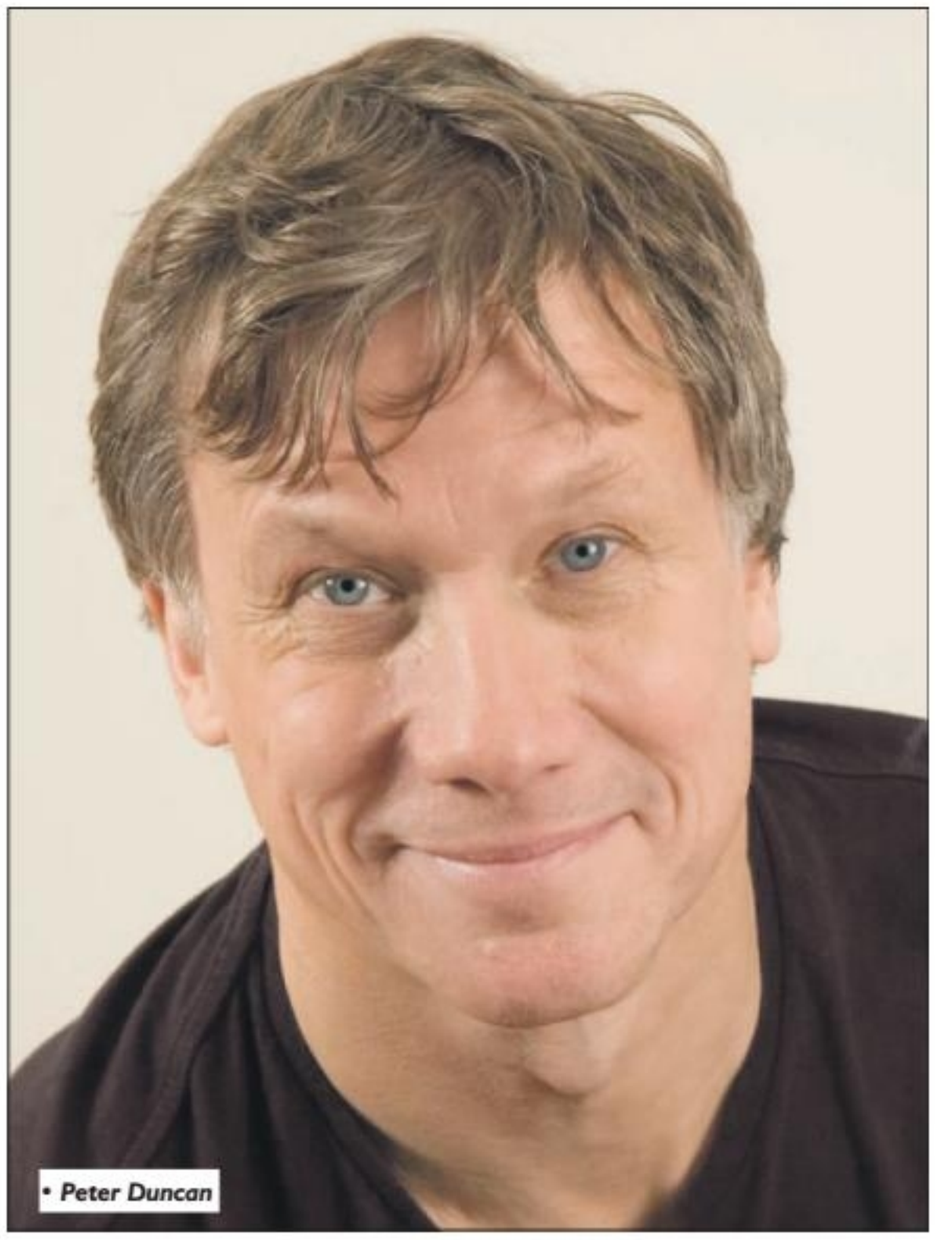
"Ian McFarlane wrote the play and we have worked with each other before in the past, and I was eager to work with him again," he said.

"He then came up with this idea about this character and the play was developed from that and here we are doing it.

"It's a very exciting for an actor to have something written especially for them and I was an actor before I was on Blue Peter and after that, I became diverse in so many different things.

"But, as a performer you've got to be like that, so that everything you do is interesting and creative."

For details of ticket prices, visit the theatre's website at www.kentontheatre.co.uk.



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Most recently, Ninebarrow were announced winners of Fatea Magazine's 'Debut Album of the Year' 2014'.

Sun, Sep 4, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
BROKEN BRASS ENSEMBLE
Broken Brass Ensemble is not your typical brass band. Injecting the traditional New Orleans brass with a fusion of hip-hop, funk, soul, dance and jazz, the band take brass to a new level and turn it into a blazing mixture of energy.

Tue, Sept 6 – Sat, Sept 10
New Theatre, Oxford
THE SOUND OF MUSIC
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Wed, Sep 7 – Sat, Sep 10
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
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Thu, Sep 8, 7pm
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Thu, Sept 8 – Fri, Sept 9
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Sat, Sep 10, 11am and 4pm
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Pinocchio is carved on stage, brushes become a fox and the shadow of two saws transforms into a giant shark. An element of improvisation makes each performance unique to its audience. Puppetry, shadows, illusion and original music combine to create a show with something for all ages; it's inventive, funny, and has a big heart.

Mon, Sept 12, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
UNTIL YOU HEAR THAT BELL
Told through spoken word and within timed boxing rounds, Until You Hear That Bell is a story about amateur boxing and family. It's about doing something for ten years, and slowly getting good at it.
Birthed from the 2010 Roundhouse poetry collective, Sean has won Literary Death Match twice, performed on Channel 4's Random Acts and co-hosts the monthly poetry night, BoxediN.

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Fri 2nd Sept: Paul Thompson talks about Dragon Boat Racing
Tues 6th Sept: Becky Hopkins talks digital marketing

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Tue, Sept 13, 7.30p
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
EQUATIONS FOR A MOVING BODY
Equations for a Moving Body is a story about endurance – when our brains tell our bodies to stop – and the psychology of carrying on. It is a story about preparing mind and body and the people who share that journey with us. What carries us to the finish line? What's left at the end of 141 miles of swimming, cycling and running?
Inspired by her own experience in triathlons and iron man events, with help from scientists and psychologists, and a documentary filmmaker, Hannah Nicklin will share what it means to attempt a great feat of endurance, and ask why we do these (frankly ridiculous) kinds of things.

Thu, Sep 15, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
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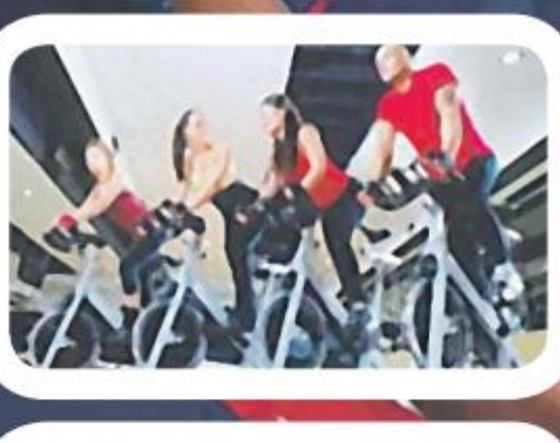

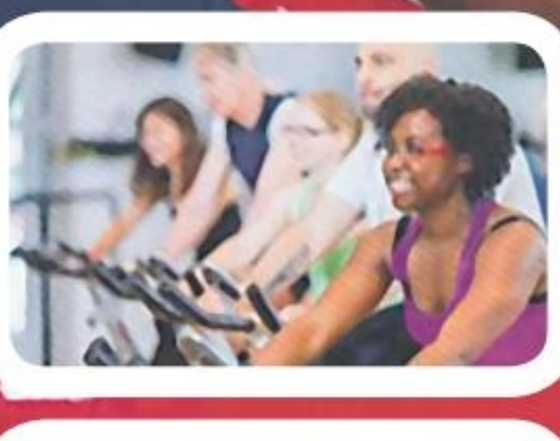

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Thu, Sept 15 – Fri, Sept 16
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Fri, Sep 16, 6.30pm
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Tue, Sept 20 – Sat, Sept 24
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Thu, Sept 22, 7pm
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Sun, Sep 25, 8pm
New Theatre, Oxford
SEAN LOCK
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Mon, Sept 26, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
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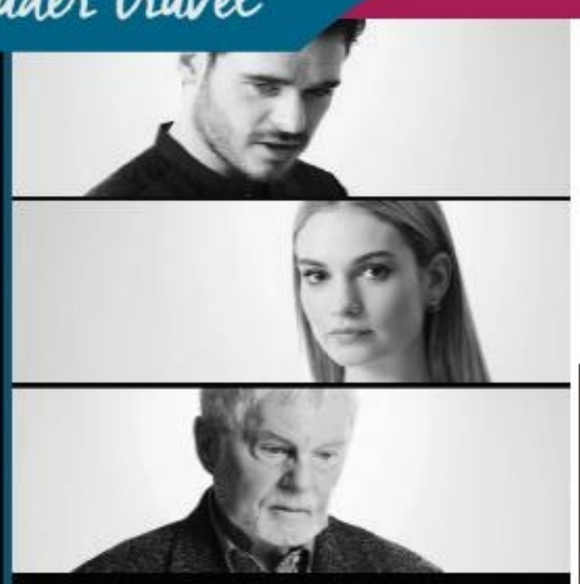

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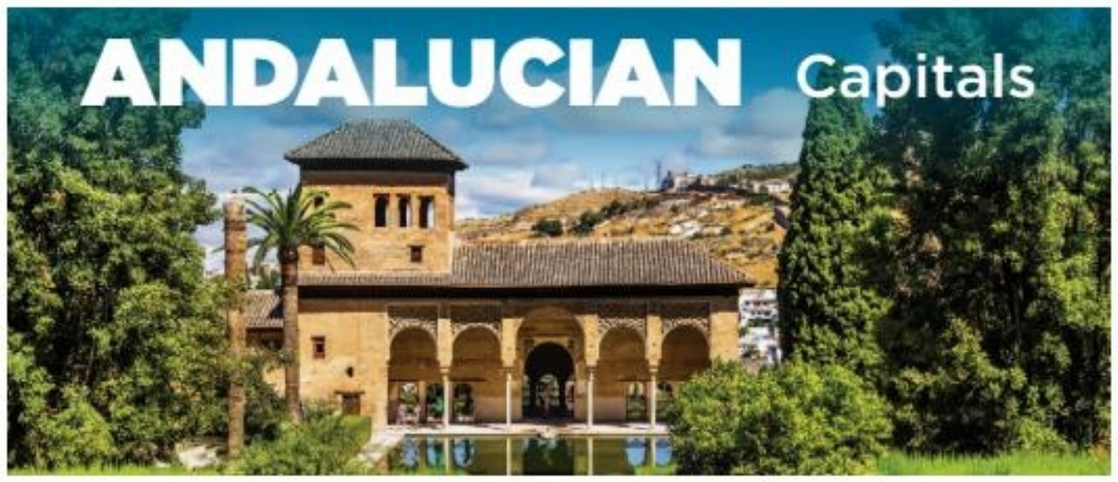

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MG's first SUV put to the test

By **Anthony Yates**

Power and Efficiency:

The new MG GS is powered by a 166PS 1.5L TGi turbo charged engine that is able to perform very well and will sprint from 0-60 in under 10 seconds and return a decent 46.3mpg (combined).

The engine also feels willing in normal use– but I think it may struggle – especially when fully laden. This is not a put off – because I can think of a number of similar cars that have the same issues and with some of them costing a lot more than the GS.

But in its defence the GS does have a good torque figure of 250Nm at 1,600rpm-4,300rpm which makes overtaking easy.

Even overtaking in top gear on motorways becomes brisk without the need to drop down a gear.

• The new MG GS Exclusive

On the road:

Actually the GS does well here in the road test. I may have said this before – but I take the same route for all my road tests and the GS felt good. There was nothing that stood out and nothing that I really disliked, but I did sense a bit more body roll than I would have expected but nothing that would worry me for a SUV. Also, the steering actually felt well weighted even if you turn in a bit lively into the corner - you can be assured of a stern footing coming out the other end.

Design & Technology:

I don't really like the looks of it if I'm being honest – but that's only my own opinion but I have to say that after a week in the GS, it was beginning to grow on me.

Inside you will find seating for a large family along with a decent amount of equipment like; DAB radio with MP3 compatibility and Bluetooth, automatic air conditioning, automatic headlamps, rear parking sensors/camera, intelligent stop start with hill hold function and cruise control. On the outside you will find bold lines, LED daytime running lights and 17" alloy wheels.

When you think it costs under £20,000, you have to think 'where have those savings been made?' And for me that area would be the interior plastics. They are far too scratchy and are hard plastics apposed to a nice soft touch feel.

Safety:

The GS comes fitted with a whole host of safety features such as ABS + EBD, electric parking brake (EPB) , seat belt height adjustment, Rear ISOFIX (x2), take me home function, side air curtain, anti rolling program (ARP), TPMS, front side airbags and front dual airbags.

To sum up:

I just can't make my mind up whether I like the GS truth be told – and that's because there are areas where the GS shines above the likes of the Kia Sportage or the Nissan Qashqai, but will it be enough to lure people into the MG showrooms? Only time will tell.

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Magnussen walks away from horror smash in Belgian GP

By **Adam Flinn**

KEVIN Magnussen was left with just minor injuries after walking away from a horrific crash in Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix.

The Renault driver was travelling at around 180mph when he lost control of his car at the top of the formidable Eau Rouge corner on lap six and slammed into the tyre barriers.

The force of the crash was so great that following a short safety car period the race had to be stopped while repairs to the barrier were carried out.

Magnussen got out of the car and was seen to be limping, before he was taken to hospital for checks.

• *The crumpled Renault in the barrier (picture courtesy of Formula1.com)*

Tests found that he had heavily bruised his left ankle, but nothing was broken and he is expected to race at this weekend's Italian Grand Prix.

"I'm feeling much better, which is very good news," said Magnussen.

"I've had several checks that show I am fit to race in Monza and I am sure I will be in the car this weekend.

"We were running in the top-10 in Belgium and I'm very motivated to repeat this again in Italy."

The crash marred what had been a very good weekend for Renault up until that point, with both cars running in the points after achieving their best qualifying positions of the season.

Magnussen was running eighth when he crashed, just behind team-mate Jolyon Palmer, who, after suffering from tyre degradation in the remainder of the race, slipped back to 15th.

Palmer said: "We had our best qualifying here, both cars had a great start and ran in the top-10 for a while.

"We could have had a strong race but the safety car pulled a lot of people back into play.

"It's a shame not to get better results in the end but this weekend has been better than we expected overall.

"I saw Kevin crash in my rear mirrors – it's not nice to see because it's a really, really fast part of the track, so I'm glad he's ok."

Drivers' championship standings

1. Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	232
2. Nico Rosberg	Mercedes	223
3. Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull	151
4. Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	128
5. Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	124
6. Max Verstappen	Red Bull	115
7. Valtteri Bottas	**Williams**	**62**
8. Sergio Perez	Force India	58
9. Nico Hulkenberg	**Force India**	**45**
10. Felipe Massa	Williams	39
11. Fernando Alonso	McLaren	30
12. Carlos Sainz	**Toro Rosso**	**30**
13. Romain Grosjean	Haas	28
14. Daniil Kvyat	Toro Rosso	23
15. Jenson Button	McLaren	17
16. Kevin Magnussen	**Renault**	**6**
17. Pascal Wehrlein	**Manor**	**1**
18. Stoffel Vandoorne	McLaren	1
19. Esteban Gutierrez	**Haas**	**0**
20. Jolyon Palmer	**Renault**	**0**
21. Marcus Ericsson	Sauber	0
22. Felipe Nasr	Sauber	0
23. Rio Haryanto	**Manor**	**0**
24. Esteban Ocon	**Manor**	**0**

Five points sees Williams slip back

WILLIAMS dropped down to fifth in the constructors' championship after only managing to pick up five points from Sunday's Belgian Grand Prix.

Valtteri Bottas came eighth and Felipe Massa 10th after struggling with pitstop strategy and tyre degradation, and fall behind Force India in the standings as a result.

Bottas pitted under the safety car caused by Kevin Magnussen's crash on lap six, and dropped well down the order in the process.

Massa didn't and was running comfortably in the points for much of the race, before his tyres started to go off towards the end and he was overtaken by several cars, including Bottas.

Rob Smedley, Williams' head of performance engineering, said: "It was a disappointing race to come out with so few points.

"We just didn't have the pace to move further forward, so we will now go to Monza and try harder."

• *Felipe Massa (front) and Valtteri Bottas (picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)*

Banbury's two teams – Haas and Manor – both endured fruitless weekends as neither were able to score points.

The two Haas cars of Esteban Gutierrez and Romain Grosjean were 12th and 13th, after both had been well inside the top-10 in the early stages.

Esteban Ocon came a credible 16th in his debut for Manor, while Pascal Wehrlein retired on the opening lap after a collision with Jenson Button.

Lynn back on the podium at Spa

GP2 racer Alex Lynn picked up his fourth podium of the year as he came third in the feature race in Belgium at the weekend.

The Oxford-based driver put in a strong showing in race one, fighting his way up the order from eighth on the grid to reach the podium.

And while he did finish in the points in the sprint race on Sunday morning – bringing his DAMS car home sixth – he was later penalised for illegally using his DRS device on the opening lap.

As a result he was relegated to 10th – outside the points.

Lynn said: "Overall, Spa was a big step forward for us, and it was very satisfying to be back on a feature-race podium after a long absence.

"We had strong pace, fantastic pit stops, and it's great to be still heading in the right direction as we look forward to Monza this weekend."

Lynn is sitting seventh in the championship standings with 87 points, with just three rounds of the season remaining.

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Oxford Downs and Abingdon Vale promoted as rain strikes

RAIN put a premature end to a top-of-the-table clash between Oxford Downs and Abingdon Vale but it didn't dampen celebrations as both teams won promotion to Division 1 last weekend.

Both teams shared six points to take them into the top flight, with Abingdon Vale reaching the division for the first time in their history.

The title showdown between the table's top two teams was called off midway through the first innings due to rain, with Oxford Downs on 115-5.

Henry Pickford had shown promise by claiming 41–4 before the rain came down, with Chris Sandbach almost reaching a half century for the Downs on 49 not out, along with Tom Costley on 31.

Meanwhile in Division 3, Didcot also celebrated their promotion after topping the league with a win over Banbury 3rds.

Banbury won the toss to set a lead of 91 all out, after Aiden Kammel claimed five wickets for Didcot to finish on 5-30.

The hosts then took just 21 overs to reach the total with Elliot Matthews and Ian Demain hitting 38 and 30 not out respectively.

They will play in Division 2 next year after their victory at the old Power Station ground.

Mixed fortune for Plato at Rockingham

IT was a mixed weekend for Oxfordshire's BTCC racer Jason Plato at the Rockingham races last Sunday.

After starting the weekend's races in fourth place on the grid following an encouraging qualification campaign, Plato finished third in the first race.

But a crash in the first lap of the second race forced a DNF before he finished a mid-tabled 10th in the final race of the weekend.

After the three races, Plato recorded 21 points for the Silverline Subaru BMR Racing team.

Plato collided with MG6 GT's Josh Cook after the two made contact in the opening stages of the second race.

Both drivers retired on the first lap at the Deene Hairpin, with Cook trying to pass the Subaru driver on the outside line.

Plato currently sits in eighth place on 199 points, while Colin Turkington is in sixth with an outside chance of launching a title challenge, but he remains 48 points behind Team JCT600's Sam Tordoff on 258 points.

Didcot hit back late on to clinch a draw at Wantage

By **George Welch**

• *Action from the derby between Wantage Town and Didcot Town (picture courtesy of Wantage Town)*

TWO local rivals had to share the points as Wantage Town and Didcot Town played out a 1-1 stalemate at Alfredian Park on Monday.

A first-half goal from Mark Francis for Wantage was cancelled out by an Adam Learoyd header 15 minutes from time.

With neither side able to clinch the three points, both teams remain in the bottom third of the Evo Stik Division 1 South and West table.

Diddy gifted Wantage the lead on 17 minutes through poor defending. Kieran Collins, who attempted to head it back to Leigh Bedwell in the Didcot goal, presented the ball straight to former Didcot forward Francis to nip in front of Bedwell and roll the ball into the empty net.

The response from Didcot and Collins was immediate as he latched on to a knock-down from a long ball forward and attempted a difficult half-volley from full on 25 yards, he caught it sweetly but Edward Cavanagh was equal to it and pushed it aside for a corner.

As the half wore on, Collins was again involved as a one-two teed up Jack Longford for a long-range strike but his shot went just wide of the post as Didcot desperately tried to level.

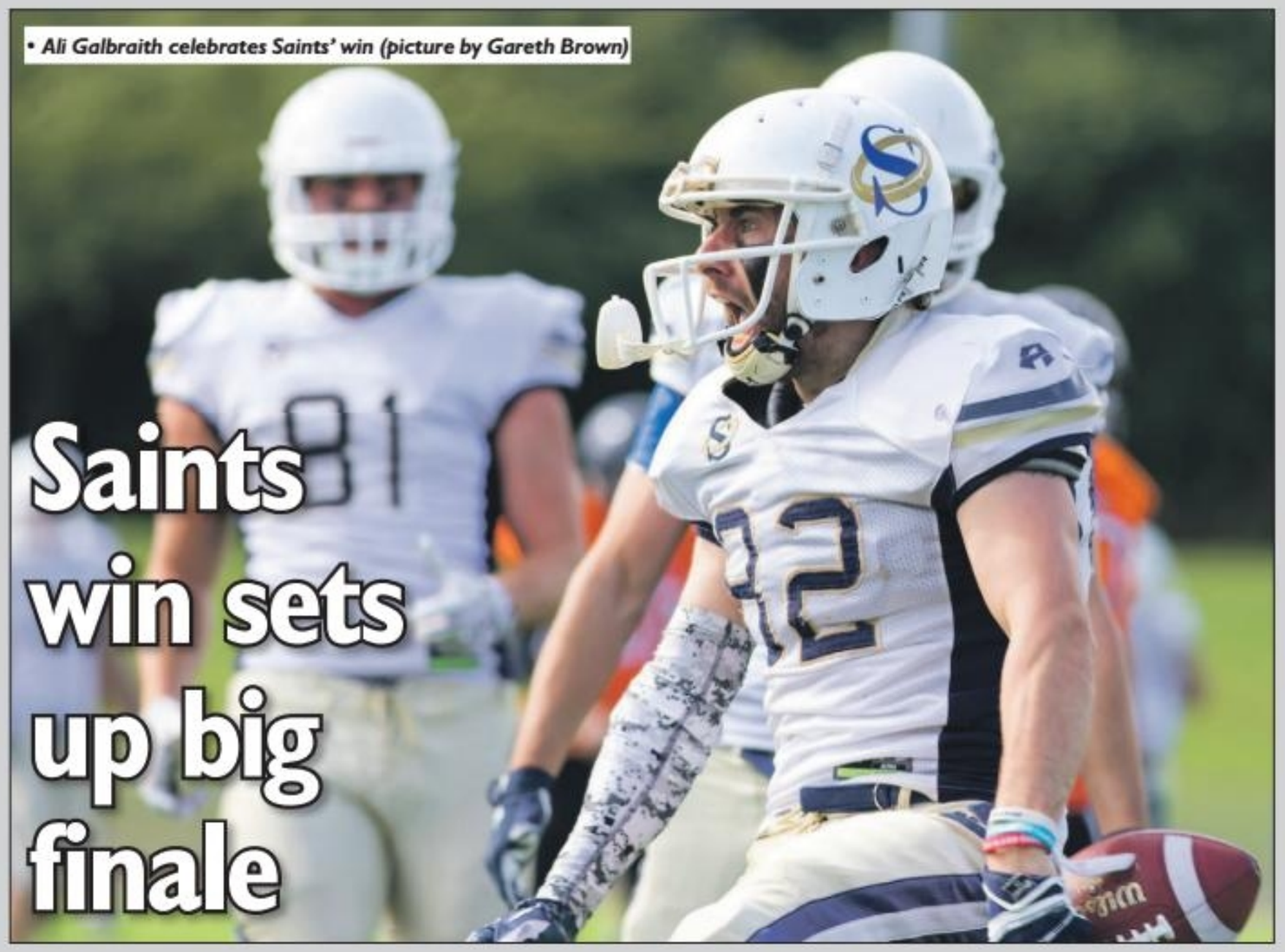
The half-time whistle blew without further chances and another frustrating 45 minutes had passed for all of those from a Diddy perspective.

The away side largely dominated the second half but they failed to create many chances of note. Wantage defended their 1-0 lead gamely and were a constant threat with the pace of their front two proving to be a danger on the break.

Declan Benjamin went close to levelling the tie when he found himself shrugging off a defender inside the area to create a shooting chance, but he panicked and prodded a poor shot wide with the goal at his mercy.

The equaliser finally arrived on 75 minutes when a quickly taken corner found its way to Learoyd who, completely unmarked as he made his way into the box, planted a bullet header into the top corner.

The Alfredians nearly stole the points late on but Bedwell stood firm in the Diddy goal to deny a one-on-one.



• *Ali Galbraith celebrates Saints' win (picture by Gareth Brown)*

Saints win sets up big finale

OXFORD Saints have reached the final of the Division II South Final with another emphatic victory over Bristol Apache with a 40-19 semi-final win.

The victory gave them a place in a final for the first time since they were crowned champions of the division in 2006.

After an unbeaten year of twelve straight victories, they have secured automatic promotion to Division I, with a crushing victory over their long-term rivals with touchdowns from star players James Walter and Tony Glover.

Glover got the Saints' first down early on after charging through defenders before running in with an 11-yard touchdown run, converted by Sam Fielden.

Good work from Kev Brooks, who ran 10 yards after Oxford had been pegged back by a penalty, was followed by a spectacular play from James Walter, who dived over after a 17-yard run-in, with Fielden remaining on target with the extra point.

He then followed it with another before the end of the first quarter, grabbing a pass from Destin Maulding to give them a 21-0 lead, which they retained through the second quarter.

In the second half, the Apache finally got on the scoreboard through quarterback Chris Jones, before Glover claimed his second score with a 15-yard run-in.

The Apache then hit back again in the third quarter with star player Jon Walters making it 28-13.

Glover then completed a hat-trick with a huge 42 yard run off the first play in the fourth quarter.

He was then matched by team-mate Walter, after a consolation score from the Apache, running in from three yards to take the final score up to 40-19.

They will complete their season finale with the Division II final against the Cambridgeshire Cats at John Charles Stadium, Leeds, on September 11.

• *City celebrate (photo by Michael Allen)*

Six without a win for City

OXFORD City's dreadful start to the National League South continued over the Bank Holiday weekend with defeats away to Chelmsford City on Saturday and at home to Gosport Borough on Monday.

The latest results make City winless in six matches, five of which were defeats.

Justin Merritt's team returned from Essex pointless after two second-half goals from Shamir Mullings and Shaun Jeffers gave the Clarets a 2-0 win at the Melbourne Stadium.

And, on Monday, City were sunk 2-1 by 10-man Gosport at the Marsh Lane Stadium.

Despite midfielder Scott Davies giving the home side the advantage on 36 minutes, goals from Josh Carmichael four minutes later and Dan Wooden, 13 minutes from time, gave the Boro the three points.

After a steady start by both sides Gosport's Mike Carter received a straight red for a foul on Jack Stevens on the half-hour.

After Davies had headed City into the lead, Carmichael levelled on 40 minutes with a free-kick from the edge of the box.

City failed to make their extra man prove decisive and the visitors took the points through Wooden with a soft goal from close in on 77 minutes as City failed to clear their lines.

City remain in 20th position.

Yellows beaten by a second-half Sheffield comeback

Blades too sharp for Utd

By **George Welch**

OXFORD United were beaten by two second-half goals as Sheffield United came from behind to beat them 2-1 at Bramall Lane on Saturday.

Leading through a Kane Hemmings goal at the break, United battled hard but were finally undone by goals from Billy Sharp and James Wilson to give the Blades their first win of the season.

The Blades had former U's skipper Jake Wright at the heart of their defence and are managed by Chris Wilder, who managed Oxford between 2008 and 2014 and won promotion back to the Football League in 2010.

Sheffield were worried early on when Chris Maguire forced keeper Simon Moore to get down smartly to his right to save his 25-yard shot on 12 minutes.

Maguire then fired into the side netting from a superb cross from Hemmings as United settled and zipped the ball around neatly.

Wes Thomas had another effort saved on 15 minutes and United were on top.

And, on 16 minutes, they made that count as Hemmings smashed them into the lead for his second of the campaign.

Former U's man Wright was booked for bringing down Thomas and, from the resulting freekick, Hemmings pounced to convert the rebound.

The home side came back strongly and it took a perfectly timed tackle by Joe Skarz to keep the lead intact as Matt Done looked favourite to reach a ball into the penalty area.

Simon Eastwood then tipped a 25-minute free kick over the bar after a block saw the ball loop over the seemingly stranded keeper, before Chey Dunkley made an equally goal-saving block.

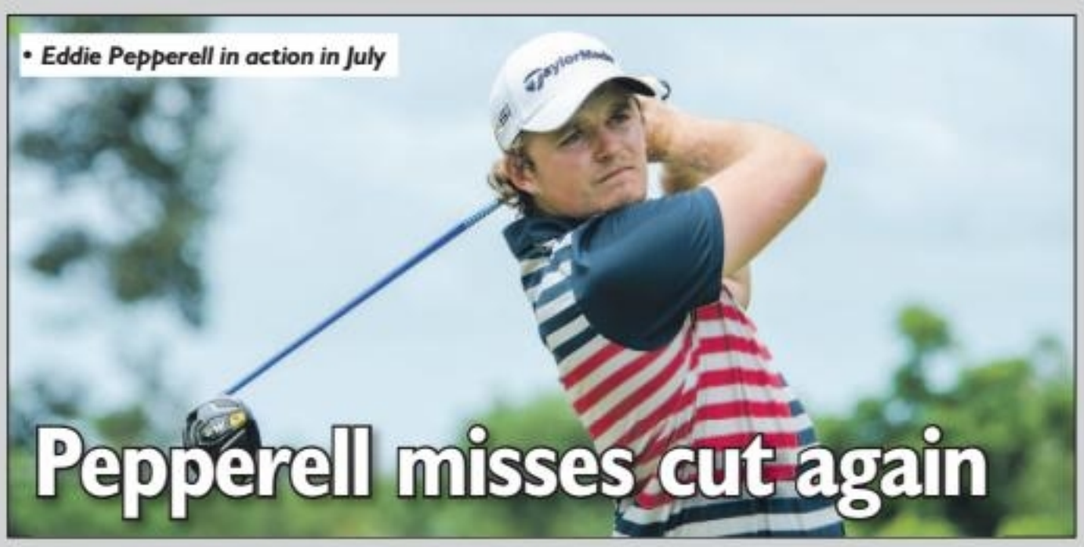
The home side improved in the second half and they were back in the match on 65 minutes. A cross from the left gave captain Sharp the chance to volley past Eastwood at the back post. The goal broke the tension among the home fans and from then on there was only one winner.

Bramall Lane came to life and, despite some brave United defending, the winner came on 73 minutes.

A well-flighted dead ball was met by Wilson and the defender thumped a header past the helpless Eastwood from six yards out.

Maguire had a free kick saved by Moore on 85 minutes and the U's were denied a last minute penalty, but Appleton's men could not force an equaliser.

• *Kane Hemmings, pictured here in action against Brighton in the EFL Cup last Tuesday, scored his second of the season against Sheffield United.*



• *Eddie Pepperell in action in July*

Pepperell misses cut again

ABINGDON golfer Eddie Pepperell missed the cut for the second week running on the European Tour by nearly finishing last after recording +11 in Denmark last Thursday and Friday.

Pepperell fired a first round of +4 and followed up a disheartening opening day with +7 in round two at the Made in Denmark tournament in Farsø.

Only seven golfers out of 153 finished below the Oxfordshire man.

Pepperell finished way back in tied 140th and was nine shots off the cut.

Thomas Pieters took the glory in Scandinavia at -17 with Welshman Bradley Dredge, who was grouped with Pepperell in the opening rounds, securing second place, a stroke behind the Belgian.

Pepperell will be looking to bounce back today in the Omega European Masters in Crans Montanda, Switzerland.

The world number 189 has been grouped with Scot Stephen Gallacher and Frenchman Alexander Levy.

U's return from long trip empty-handed

OXFORD United Women returned from their long trip to Durham empty-handed after being narrowly beaten 2-1 on Sunday.

First-half goals from Beth Hepple and Jordan Atkinson put the hosts two goals up at the break and although Ella Franklin-Fraiture pulled one back for the U's in the second half they couldn't force the equaliser.

• *Durham celebrate (picture courtesy of @DurhamWFC)*

The defeat in their first match in a month makes it just one win in eight, six of those being defeats. The hosts were dominant from the first whistle and took the lead after 20 minutes from the penalty spot.

Jordan Atkinson went down in the area under a challenge from Jess Frampton and Hepple made no mistake from the spot, sending goalkeeper Demi Lambourne the wrong way and burying the spot-kick in the bottom right-hand corner.

Durham doubled their advantage 11 minutes before half-time when Atkinson poked home a rebound from an excellent Lambourne save.

At the other end, Ellie Noble was denied a second goal in as many games by the woodwork.

Ella Franklin-Fraiture handed the U's a lifeline just after the hour mark, bundling home following a scramble in the Durham goalmouth.

But despite a determined display, the equalising goal failed to materialise for United, who will look to bounce back away to Everton in a fortnight.

Oxford sign Everton midfielder Ledson

• *New signing Ryan Ledson (picture courtesy of OUFC)*

OXFORD United have signed midfield starlet Ryan Ledson from Premier League club Everton.

The highly-rated 19-year-old, who made one senior appearance for his boyhood club in a Europa League tie against FK Krasnodar in 2014, joined on Thursday last week for an undisclosed fee.

The central midfielder, who has been capped by England Under-19s and only turned 19 last week, will provide competition to U's captain John Lundstram and attacking midfielder Liam Sercombe.

He was on the substitute bench for Saturday's loss at Sheffield United but he was not involved in the Checkatrade Trophy win over Exeter on Tuesday night.

Ledson spent the second half of last season on loan at Cambridge United, where he made 28 appearances for the League Two club, although he is yet to score a senior goal.

The former Toffee joins the U's on a three-year deal and head coach Michael Appleton said it was a 'fantastic' signing for the League One club, who crashed out of the EFL Cup on Tuesday last week.

Appleton said: "He is a very exciting signing. He plays with passion and energy, he can see a pass and he knits things together in the middle of the park.

"It is fantastic that he is happy to come here to Oxford looking to prove himself, get games and build a career away from Everton.

"I think that speaks volumes for the way the club is regarded and people know that we will nurture young players the right way and always look to help them.

"He has a very bright future ahead of him."

Sport Bites

Smith out of GP

MOTOR RACING: MotoGP rider Bradley Smith is out of two races, including the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on Sunday, through injury.

The 25-year-old Yamaha rider from Oxford suffered serious ligament damage to his left knee in a crash in practice at Oschersleben in Germany last Thursday.

He was airlifted to hospital and had a small operation to close the wound and was flown back to England on Saturday afternoon.

Smith has secured two podium finishes at the Silverstone Grand Prix in the past.

He will also miss the San Marino Grand Prix on September 11.

He said: "I'm back in Oxford planning what to do next."

Pata Yamaha Official World Superbike Team rider Alex Lowes, from Lincoln, has replaced him.

In the market

FOOTBALL: Yesterday was deadline day for Football League clubs.

Oxford United were in the market for a winger and another defender with summer signing Aaron Martin away from the club for personal reasons, and Curtis Nelson and Joe Skarz both injured.

Head coach Michael Appleton had until 11pm last night to do a deal.

Stars backtrack

ICE HOCKEY: Oxford City Stars have said they are backtracking on a pledge to allow their supporters to watch a pre-season match for free.

A club statement read: "Unfortunately many teams requested financial support to travel on our desired dates, in addition this pre-season, there are a number of charity matches being played which we as a club wanted to fully support."

The club say they are already looking for a free ticketed match to celebrate 32 years of ice hockey in Oxford. The Stars' season starts on September 11 against Wightlink.

Manager quits

FOOTBALL: Kidlington manager Martin Wilkinson has stepped down from his position.

A statement on the club's website read: "Kidlington FC are indebted to "Wilkys" dedication during his time with us, during which he achieved the clubs long-term objective to compete at step 4, Southern League football."

It did not say why Wilkinson, who oversaw promotion from the Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division last season, quit on Tuesday evening.

The club are still looking for their first Evo-Stik Southern League Division 1 Central victory this campaign.

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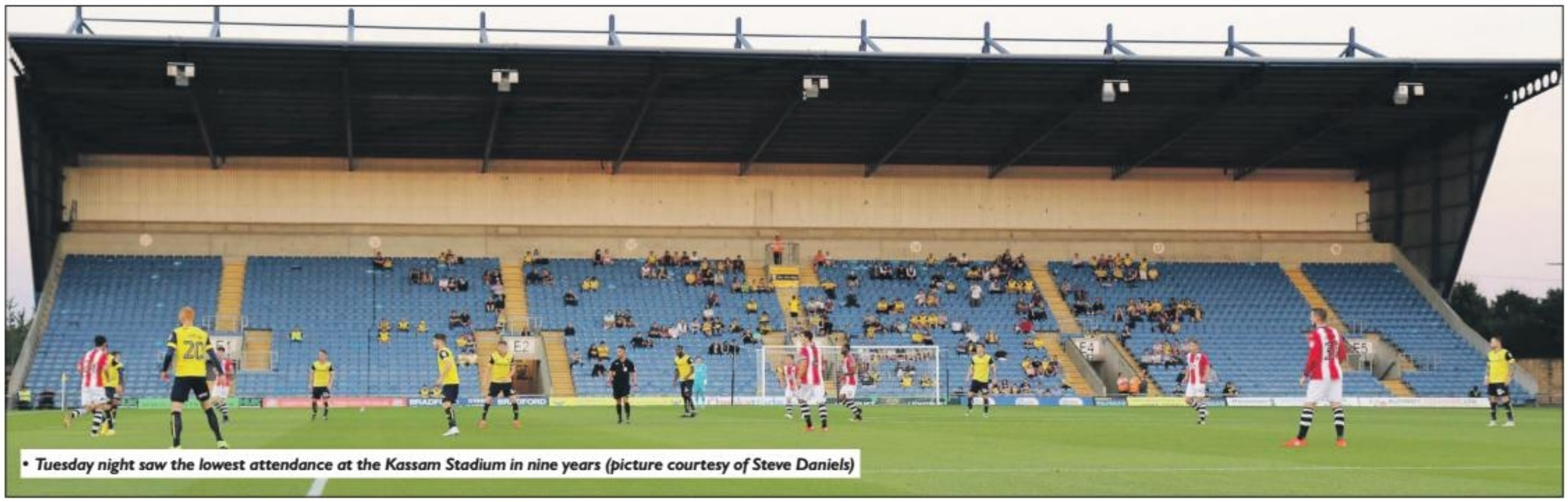

• *Tuesday night saw the lowest attendance at the Kassam Stadium in nine years (picture courtesy of Steve Daniels)*

By **George Welch**

OXFORD United started their Checkatrade Trophy campaign with a 4-2 win against Exeter City on Tuesday night – but the 1,575 fans in attendance was the third lowest at the Kassam Stadium in its competitive history.

United's lowest attendance at the Kassam is 1,521 versus Leyton Orient in the Football League Trophy (the same competition) in 2005 and Tuesday night's gate was the third lowest in nine years.

Only 98 fans from Exeter made the five and a half hour round-trip from Devon.

On the pitch, West Brom loanee Tyler Roberts bagged his first Oxford goal and a Chris Maguire penalty gave Michael Appleton's men a 2-1 lead at halftime against League Two Exeter.

In the second half, Ryan Taylor scored his first goal since last November and Alex MacDonald converted his first of the season to round off the victory.

Injury-struck Exeter did give the hosts a scare though, with Matty Jay and Liam McAlindon scoring on 43 and 61 minutes.

But the main talking point was the lack of fan interest across the country in the newly designed Football League Trophy.

Supporters across the country voted with their feet after Under-23 sides from the Premier League and Championship were allowed to take on League One and Two teams in the revamped lower league trophy for the first time.

And the opening night of the Checkatrade Trophy - known as the Johnstone's Paint Trophy last year – saw record low attendances as fans boycotted the new look competition.

Supporters up and down the country were encouraged to boycott the matches, with the hashtag #BTeamBoycott being used on Twitter to urge fans to stay away from games.

The restructured competition is seen as the first step towards allowing B teams into the Football League.

However the FA is keen to see young talent develop through competitive matches partly in the hope that the players will improve the England squad in the future.

Oxford fans took to Twitter to comment on the small attendance.

Nathan Wallington tweeted: "Far too many there tonight. I'm actually disappointed with those that turned up."

Lewis Jackson questioned: "Why have people turned up?"

Andy Dunn commented: "Embarrassed for those that turned up. #Clueless #YourHurtingOurClubsFuture."

Other fans say there were even less than the official figure.

With only 1,500 turning up at Oxford, other clubs also obliged with some dismal attendances for a number of clubs.

Just 1,504 fans attended former Premier League side Bolton's defeat to Everton's youngsters - a record for the Macron Stadium.

Elsewhere, there were just 392 present for Fleetwood's clash with Blackburn, 461 at Wimbledon's win over Swansea and only 585 turned out for Accrington against Crewe.

Everton, Norwich, Swansea, Stoke, Reading, Southampton, Wolves, West Ham, Blackburn, West Brom, Derby, Middlesbrough, Leicester and Brighton all fielded Under-23 sides – there were wins for four of them.

League Two clubs Wycombe and Exeter both named their managers on their bench with Gareth Ainsworth even coming on for the final few moments for Wycombe.

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